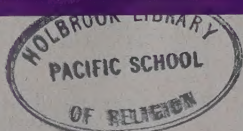


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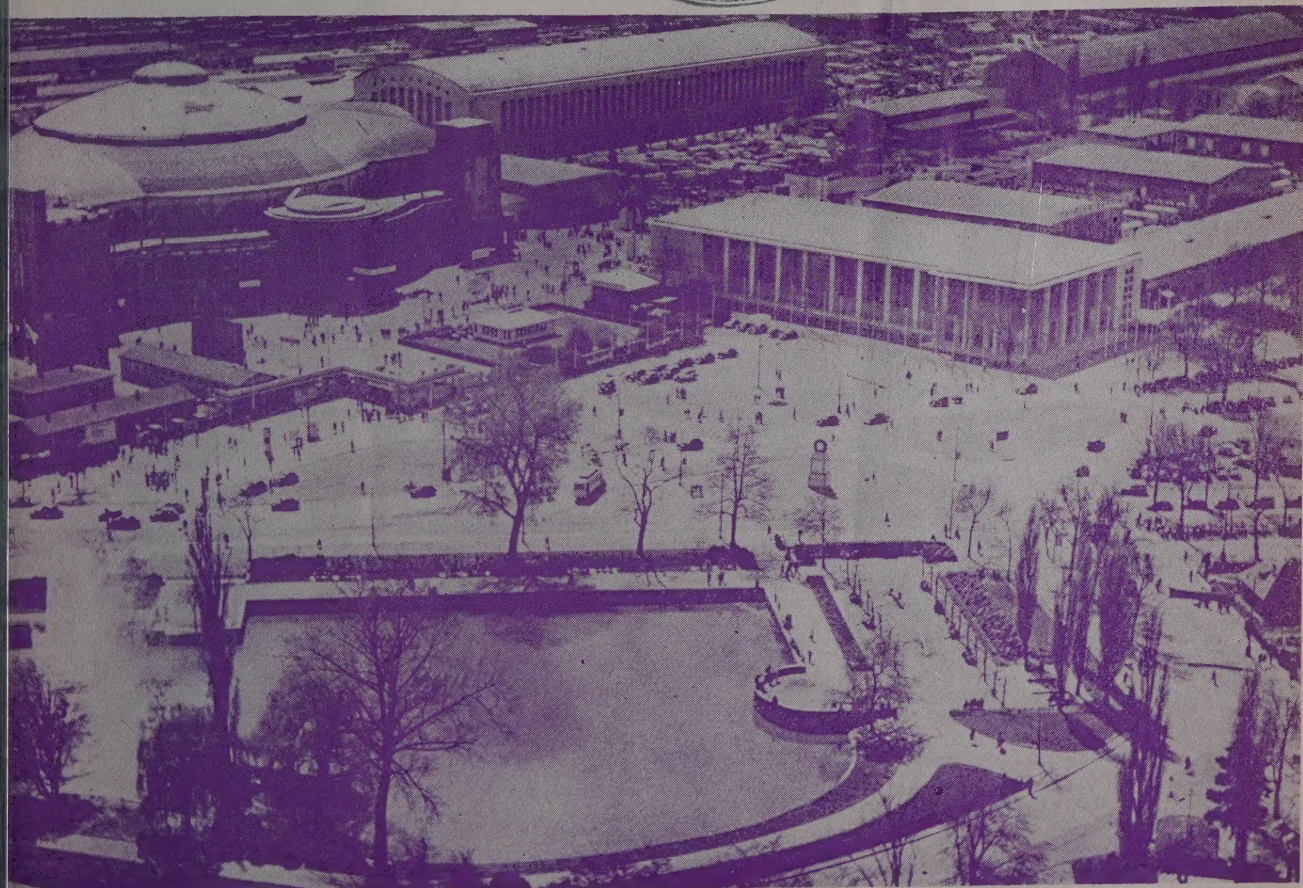


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MEMO

from the General Secretary

ABOUT HEADQUARTERS!

In an effort to serve you better and in the direction of a more efficient headquarters operation, there has been a realignment of some responsibilities of our headquarters associates. On the recommendation of the staff, the Executive Committee at its last meeting moved to recognize some of our long-time associates. Mrs. Louise Herrmann has been designated Administrative Assistant; Carl F. Herrmann is now Manager, Publishing Department; Eleanor Jones is designated Assistant to the Treasurer. We are sure you will agree with the Executive Committee in the additional recognition accorded these folks who have been such a great part of the headquarters organization for a long time. We are grateful for the friendly association all of us at 1221 have with all of you. We are at your service.

SERVICE MEN WANTED

Families and friends of young people in our armed services stationed in Europe have been sending us names and addresses of men and women "over there" who ought to know about the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27. You can put more service personnel on the way to enjoying the priceless inspiration and fellowship of this world gathering if you will send us those names and addresses. A special invitation will go to them immediately.

FIFTY-FIFTY!

Recently, after a study made by the family life department of the National Council of Churches, in Evansville, Indiana, it was revealed that there was a 50-50 division of opinion among high school students on whether young people should drink. Christian Endeavorers, does your Christian citizenship show on this important issue? The Department of Commerce figures indicate that there is spent on liquor six times what we spend on all our Protestant churches, twice what we spend for public education from the kindergarten on up through high school.

YOUR PRAYER LIST!

Leaders of Christian Endeavor International are urging that you add to your prayer list the official meetings of the International Society scheduled for New York City July 2 through 6. They include the annual meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Corporation, the Youth Assembly, and the biennial Citizenship Convocation. Other important committees meeting at that time include the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, and the Nominating Committee. All of these meetings will be in the Governor Clinton Hotel in New York City.

CONTINUING ADVANCE IN JAPAN!

For the second consecutive year, according to announcement of World's Christian Endeavor Union president Dr. Daniel A. Poling, a grant from the World's Union will enable Japanese Christian Endeavorers to support a traveling field secretary, Mr. Izumi Watanabe. Bishop Yoshimune Abe is president of the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor; World's Union vice-president, Mr. Kojiro Hata, is chairman of the board of the Japan Union. It is significant that the first Christian Endeavor Society in Japan was organized in 1888, seventy years ago, in the American Mission, Okayama.

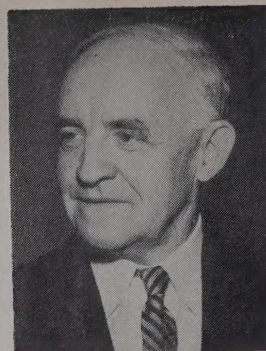
ALOHA!

Our thanks to the Kawaiahao Church Choir, Honolulu, for their gift of \$100 to the Ernest R. Bryan Memorial Fund. The fund is being used to develop visual aids by which the ministry of Christian Endeavor might be made more effective. The choir will be remembered for their moving message in song during the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D.C., in 1954.

Harold Westerhoff

Christian Endeavorers To Participate Citizenship Convocation July 4-6

Outstanding speakers, visits to places of historic and spiritual significance, and a Citizenship Rally featuring Dr. Frank P. Graham as speaker are high lights of Convocation program in New York City



Dr. Frank P. Graham

Christian Endeavorers will go to New York City July 4-6 for a great Citizenship Convocation.

Winners in Christian Endeavor's 1958 Citizenship Contest will be honored at Citizenship Rally Saturday night, July 5. Dr. Frank P. Graham, who is United Nations Representative for India, Pakistan and an outstanding Christian leader, will speak.

Dr. Graham, uncle of evangelist Billy Graham, served as president of the University of North Carolina for nineteen years. In 1949-50 he was United States Senator from North Carolina, and in 1951 he was appointed to his present United Nations post.

The plans for the Convocation are under the direction of Robert C. Ross, Citizenship director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The Convocation is a significant part of Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Crusade and will challenge youth to be Christian citizens.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Friday Evening, July 4

REGISTRATION, 4:00 P.M.—Hotel Governor Clinton, 7th Avenue at 31st Street, Florentine Room.

DINNER, 5:30 P.M.—Hotel Governor Clinton, Coral Room, Convocation begins.

BOWERY MISSION, 7:30 P.M.—A special worship service conducted by Convocation delegates at this significant mission. See the vital work being done on New York's "Skid Row." Dr. Oscar Bussey of Glasgow, president of the Scottish National Christian Endeavor Union, speaker.

Saturday Morning, July 5

BREAKFAST, 7:00 A.M. — Hotel Governor Clinton, Coral Room.

QUIET HOUR, 8:00 A.M.—Herald Square. Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, speaker.

UNITED NATIONS, 9:00 A.M.—Guided Tour includes information about the United Nations' functions and aims as well as the description and explanation of the architecture and art work to be found in the General Assembly, Conference, and Secretariat Buildings. Visit the United Nations Prayer Room and Post Office. Special films and briefing arranged.

LUNCHEON, 11:45 A.M.—Hotel Governor Clinton, Coral Room.

Saturday Afternoon, July 5

YACHT CRUISE AROUND MANHATTAN ISLAND, 2:00 P.M.—Among the world-famous points of interest, delegates will see Riverside Church, Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Polo Grounds, Yankee Stadium, Statue of Liberty, massive bridges, huge docks, and ocean liners. A specially-trained lecturer-hostess expertly describes the points of interest and answers questions.

Saturday Evening, July 5

CONVOCATION BANQUET, 6:30 P.M.—Hotel Governor Clinton, Coral Room.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP RALLY, 8:00 P.M.—Hotel Governor Clinton, Governor Room. A high light of the entire Convocation featuring the presentation of the Albert H. Diebold Awards to International winners in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest. Dr. Frank P. Graham, chairman of the United Nations Indo-Pakistan Commission, speaker.

Sunday Morning, July 6

BREAKFAST, 7:00 A.M. — Hotel Governor Clinton, Coral Room.

QUIET HOUR, 8:15 A.M.—Madison Square Park. Dr. A. W. Schattschneider, pastor of the New Dorp Moravian Church, Staten Island, speaker.

MORNING WORSHIP — Delegates free to choose one of New York's many famous churches.

BUZZ GROUPS, 11:00 A.M.—"What Does It All Mean?" Hotel Governor Clinton, Florentine Room.

CONVOCATION LUNCHEON, 12 NOON—Hotel Governor Clinton, Coral Room.

DEDICATION SERVICE—Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, speaker.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR BENEDICTION, 2:00 P.M.

Registration for the Convocation is now under way. Total cost, including meals and accommodations at the Governor Clinton Hotel, is \$30. Registration must be made soon to insure a place. Use the convenient blank provided below. Note that payment of \$5 must accompany the application.

Citizenship Convocation

Registration Blank

Please reserve a place and register me for the Citizenship Convocation. Here is \$5.00 payment which will apply on my \$30.00 convocation fee (including meals from Friday night dinner through Sunday noon luncheon and hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights—three or four to a room).

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Headquarters—Hotel Governor Clinton

13th World's Convention in Frankfurt Features Outstanding Speakers and Leaders

**Delegates at Sessions July 23-27 Will See
World-Wide Christian Endeavor in Action;
Many from North America Joining Tour Party**

Christian Endeavorers around the world are planning and praying for the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention which is scheduled for Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27, 1958.

A power-packed program has been planned under the theme, "Christ, the Light of the World."

Sessions will be held in the great Festival Hall, which seats over 12,000. German and English will be used in all sessions and in the official program. A special convention badge is being prepared.

Outstanding Speakers and Leaders

Mass meetings will be held each evening during the convention. These outstanding Christian leaders from around the world will bring messages: Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Earle W. Gates, and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows from the United States; Rev. Arno Pagel and Dr. Jan Hermelink from Germany; Dr. Raymond Oshimo of Japan; and James Murdoch from Scotland. Bishop Hanns Lilje of Germany will speak at the broadcast service on Sunday morning.

Each morning's program begins with a prayer meeting, followed by a convention assembly. Those speaking at this session include Professor G. C. van Niftrik (Holland); George Nelson, vice-president of the World's Union (Australia); Pastor Hermann Haarbeck (Germany); Rev. H. W. Sendall (Great Britain); Rev. E. Tychicus, vice-president of the World's Union (India); and Pastor Winner (Germany).

Among the conference leaders for Thursday afternoon are Edith Jones (Wales), Bruno Draeger (Germany), Rev. Hedley Plunkett (Ireland), Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan (United States), C. van de Wiel (Holland), Alan Ramsey (Scotland), Rev. Georg Meier (Germany), and Robert C. Ross (United States).

Official Meetings

Friday afternoon the Area II Council and the Executive Council of the World's Union will meet. Other official meetings scheduled during the convention are the Corporation and the Board of Trustees of the World's Union.

Dr. Poling, president of the World's Union, has announced the appointment of William Sharpe, general secretary of Area II, as chairman of the Resolutions Committee. Harold Westerhoff heads the committee for the Time and Place of the Next Convention, while Arno Pagel is chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Special convention features include a series of open air meetings Saturday afternoon. That evening German vocal and instrumental choirs will provide special music.

Sunday afternoon there will be a Roll Call of Nations, with reports from around the world. At the great closing session Sunday evening Dr. Poling will challenge convention delegates.

Tour Party Grows

Many Endeavorers from North America will travel to the convention with the International Fellowship Tour, directed by Harold Westerhoff, general secretary of the World's Union. Flying from New York City on July 12, the group will visit England and Holland before the convention.

A revised itinerary will allow tour party members more time to sight-see at the Brussels World Fair.

Following the convention the tour party will journey to Switzerland, Italy, the Riviera, and France. On August 10 the group will worship at the American Church in Paris. Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, will be the guest speaker.

Special Berlin Meetings

Prior to the World's Convention Dr. Poling and Mr. Westerhoff will conduct evangelistic meetings at the Hall of the Students House in the center of West Berlin on Saturday evening, July 19, and Sunday afternoon, July 20. Dr. Poling will also speak in several Berlin churches. This visitation is under the direction of Willy

Convention Personalities



Robert Jodt



Rev. H. W. Sendall

Mr. Jodt is chairman of the Frankfurt Convention Committee, which has been meeting regularly since last summer and is making plans to greet Endeavorers and make their visit in Frankfurt more pleasant.

Mr. Sendall is the General Secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain, Ireland. A Methodist minister, he has had much Christian Endeavor experience, including a year as president of the British Christian Endeavor Union. He will speak at one of the morning sessions during the Frankfurt Convention.

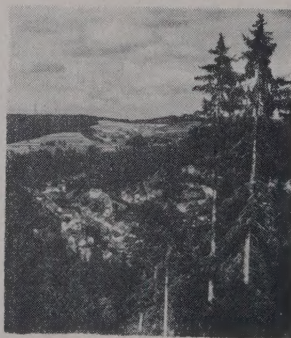
Lehman, president of the Christian Endeavor Federation of Berlin.

At this time the Ohio Prayer Room the Christian Endeavor Mission Hall Spandau will be dedicated. Ohio Endeavorers have provided the furniture for this room as a missionary project.

The registration fee for the World's Convention is \$5.00. Those who register but cannot attend may receive a badge and copy of the program if they desire.

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!

**There's still time to join
Christian Endeavor's
International Fellowship Tour
July 12-August 11—if you hurry!**



Black Forest, Germany



Flower Market, Amsterdam

Harold E. Westerhoff, tour director, has announced a new, reduced price of only \$1246 for this all-expense, personally-conducted tour. Thirty thrill-packed days, traveling through eight European countries and attending the World's Convention in Frankfurt—this will be the experience of a lifetime!

Most of the space allotment is already taken, so send your reservation without delay if you want to enjoy sight-seeing and Christian fellowship with no worry about travel details.

For more information and a detailed itinerary, write Harold Westerhoff right away at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

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The Premier Youth Movement of the Christian Church

By Rev. Leslie J. Gomm

(This material has been condensed from a leaflet published by the National Christian Endeavor Union of Australia for distribution to ministers. Mr. Gomm is minister of the Flinders Street Baptist Church of Adelaide and has been an Endeavorer since he was eight years old. He served as National Young People's Superintendent 1928-1947, and National President of Australia 1949-1951.)

The area in which the Christian Church specializes is in the training of Christian disciples, the production of Christian character, and the propagation of the principles of Jesus Christ. The task of the Church regarding young people is to win them to Jesus Christ and to harness their glowing enthusiasm for Christ to the Church. These very words, "For Christ and the Church," form the inspired motto of Christian Endeavor.

Christian Endeavor operates in all the main Christian churches throughout the world. In a membership of many millions in eighty countries, the spirit of interdenominational fellowship is characteristic of Christian Endeavor. Nevertheless, it stresses loyalty to the local and denominational church.

A Spiritual Movement

Christian Endeavor was born in revival. If the best kind of spiritual revival is that which takes place in the normal work of the local church, then Christian Endeavor was well born. For Dr. Francis E. Clark met growing success in his ministerial oversight of his Congregational Church at Portland, Maine, resulting in the spiritual dedication of the majority of his young people. Striking while the iron was hot, Dr. Clark, with inspired genius, fashioned the first society of Christian Endeavor to meet the needs of his young people. It was psychologically sound. It placed emphasis upon devotion, and upon healthful Christian activity. This was experienced in the following ways:

(a) THE CONSECRATION MEETING. Seeking to reaffirm the fine decisions registered by his young people, Dr. Clark devised what he called the Consecration Meeting at which, in a deeply devotional atmosphere, dedication to Christ and to practical service were re-emphasized and accepted. This Consecration Meeting normally meets once a month. It is the highest level of Christian Endeavor life.

(b) Knowing that an impression without an expression is liable to be dangerous, especially in the realm of the spirit, Dr. Clark inaugurated various avenues of service, and a finely conceived Committee System. Assigned work in one of the departments of active Christian Endeavor, young people were able to channel their spiritual zeal into service for God and for others.

So a wise and balanced medium for training Christian youth in Christian service was provided. Although all this began in 1881, Christian Endeavor has never been surpassed in the specific task which its founder assigned to the Christian Church. Its virility remains as strong as ever, and since its foundation a constant stream of dedicated ministers, missionaries and Christian workers has flowed in noble service for mankind.

A Good Foundation

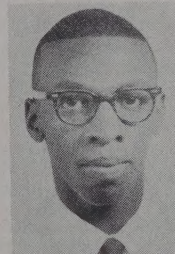
In the everyday challenge which the outside world places upon young people, and which should be to young Christians an exhilarating experience, Christian Endeavor seeks to provide strong bases of devotional life. It enjoins its members to steadfastly commit themselves to daily prayer and Bible reading, which rightly observed can provide perennial freshness to their lives. This is reaffirmed in the covenant obligation of the Active Members' Pledge renewed each Consecration Meeting. With such high loyalty consistently expressed, young people are building on sure foundations.

The task of the Christian Church is unique and specializes in the making of Christians and the development of Christian character. To gather young people into this sacred purpose requires much more than physical and recreational activities. We sincerely believe that Christian Endeavor has a ministry unequalled by any other movement in the claiming and retaining of youth for Christ and the Church.

CITIZENSHIP QUOTES from winning entries in this year's contest. These young people captured top honors in their state or province.



We do not have this great nation because we deserve it, but because others have prepared it for us. The only way we can repay those who have gone before us is to serve those who come after us.—*Helen Kirk, Washington*



We all must try to define the term, "Christian principles in government," which I, myself, have defined with six basic concepts. They are as follows: integrity, honesty, respect, openmindedness, unbiased principles, and the Ten Commandments.—*Ryan Thompson, Jr., New Jersey*



We must first start with the Christian home, returning the family to its former unit status, and developing the relationship to its fullest extent which in turn may help America by offering well-adjusted, mature individuals, bold in their belief in Christ as Saviour, and willing to uphold their belief to all men.—*Marjorie Rauwerdink, Wisconsin*



Just as one learns to respect the red and green lights on the traffic signals and learns to obey the civic laws, one should realize the need is even greater for obedience to God's laws. The penalty for disobedience of traffic laws can result in the loss of a limb or even a life, but the penalty for disobedience of God's laws can result in the loss of a soul.—*David Dossett, Indiana*



I love all peoples and have many friends of different denominations and race, and they are all wonderful. Don't you agree that people should start looking for friends, and help one another along God's way, no matter what race or color? This world would truly shine if we could do this with a smile on our faces and with love in our hearts.—*Wanda L. Hill, District of Columbia*



A Christian's duty in politics does not begin and end on voting day, nor does our Christian life begin the minute we enter the church door, thinking when we leave we have done well for another week. We must live our Christianity all week long.—*Shirley May Fretz, Ontario*



Delegates at the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 2-4, are shown at the Saturday evening session. Special music was provided by members of the Young Adult Chorus of Trinity A.M.E. Church, Gouldtown, New Jersey, who are seated in the foreground.



Philadelphia leaders joined in song at the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, stirring up enthusiasm for the 1959 International Convention in the "City of Brotherly Love." Shown (left to right) are Gordon McMordie, John Thuss, Arch McQuilkin, Frances Becker, and John Harper. Mr. McQuilkin and Mr. Harper are co-chairmen of the Philadelphia Convention Committee.



Pennsylvania's general secretary and his wife chat with two Endeavorers from India at the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference. Left to right are S. Jesumani, Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Jr., P. Swami Doss, and Mr. Hoopes. Mr. Jesumani and Mr. Swami Doss are both registered nurses and are studying at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia.



Orion Bebermeyer leads banquet singing during 69th annual convention of Orange County (California) at First Christian Church, Fullerton. Newly-elected county union president is Eugene Kolkman of Santa Ana. At convention sessions a total of 40 decisions were recorded.

Over 750 registered delegates attended this year's Washington State Convention in Bellingham. "On Fire for God" was the theme. At the closing session 141 young people made decisions, 76 accepting Christ and 34 as life-work recruits. Ed Underhill of Seattle was re-elected president.



First Place Winners Selected

The judging has been completed in the Radio and Television Script Writing Contest in connection with Christian Endeavor Week 1959.

Professor G. B. Gordon of Lincoln, Illinois, the contest judge, has awarded first honors to Mrs. W. A. Martin of Denver, Colorado, for her television script and to Miss Ann Randerson of Nashville, Tennessee, who entered a radio script.

Second place for television scripts goes to Miss Virginia Scott of Roanoke, Virginia, while James Humphreys of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, finished in second position in the radio script competition.

Dr. Gordon is Professor of Speech and Radio-TV at Lincoln Bible Institute and previously taught these subjects at the School of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

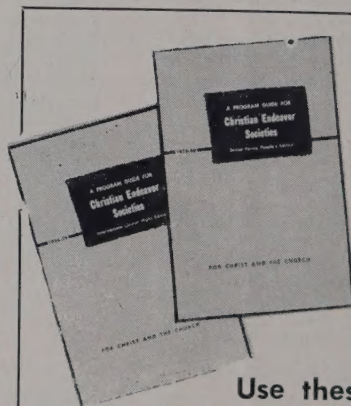
He received training in radio and television at National Broadcasting Company in Chicago and took his M.A. degree in Speech and Radio at Northwestern University. He is currently serving as Director and News Editor of Station WICS-TV in Springfield, Illinois.

Mrs. Martin dedicated her winning script to her mother-in-law, Mrs. William V. Martin, long-time Endeavorer from Illinois. Miss Randerson is employed as Assistant to the Director of Utilization and Field Service of the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the Methodist Church. Each of these winners will receive a check for \$10 and their scripts will be made available for use in connection with Christian Endeavor Week 1959.

The scripts entered in the contest were based on the 1959 Christian Endeavor Week theme, "In the Household of God," using Ephesians 2:19 as the key Scripture, and emphasizing churchmanship.



Dr. G. B. Gordon



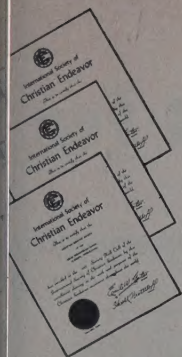
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HONOR SOCIETIES

Since the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1958 Society Roll Call.

Unions or societies listed below contributed during March and April. Those receiving red seals have given \$25 and those securing blue seals have given \$10.

Red Seal

Central Evangelical United Brethren Church of Torrance, Torrance, California
Lutheran Fellowship, Washington, D. C.
Lutheran Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Kingston, New York

Blue Seal

Lutheran, Ebenezer Reformed Church, Morrison, Illinois
Lutheran United Brethren Church, Hartford City, Indiana
Lutheran, College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana
Lutheran, Calvary United Brethren Church of Lake Odessa, Woodland, Michigan
Lutheran Presbyterian Church, Atco, New Jersey
Lutheran Methodist Church, Collingswood, New Jersey
Lutheran Paul's Presbyterian Church, Laurel Springs, New Jersey
Lutheran Mapo Reformed Church, Mahwah, New Jersey
Lutheran, Clinton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Newark, New Jersey
Lutheran Westminster Presbyterian Church, Paterson, New Jersey
Lutheran, Young People's, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey
Lutheran Pleasant Hill Congregational Christian Church, Liberty, North Carolina
Lutheran John's Lutheran Church, Hoernerstown, Pennsylvania
Lutheran, Young People's, First Presbyterian Church of Olney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Lutheran West Grove Presbyterian Church, West Grove, Pennsylvania
Lutheran, Berne County Senior Union, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Lutheran, High School, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, Virginia
Lutheran, Maurertown Brethren Church, Maurertown, Virginia

Boulevard Park Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Washington
Vernon Evangelical United Brethren Church, Letart, West Virginia
Alto Reformed Church, Brandon, Wisconsin
Gibbsville, Oostburg, Wisconsin

C. E. Conventions And Conferences

JUNE

2-5—West Virginia, Buckhannon
13-15—District of Columbia, Edgewater, Maryland (Conference)
16-22—Minnesota, Medicine Lake
19-21—Texas, Harlingen
19-22—California, Lodi
19-22—Michigan, Kalamazoo
21-28—Massachusetts, Northfield (Conference)
26-29—Ohio, Painesville
29-July 2—North Carolina, Blowing Rock

JULY

4-6—Citizenship Convocation, New York City
14-18—Virginia, Massanetta Springs

AUGUST

2-9—Ontario, Chesley Lake Camp (Summer Conference)
3-9—Alabama, Oak Mountain (Conference)
4-9—Pennsylvania, Chambersburg
9-16—New York, Canandaigua (Summer Assembly)
15-17—Illinois, Camp Cilco (Conference)
16-17—Indiana, Indianapolis (Leaders' Retreat)

A Visual Presentation for Leaders of Leaders

SO YOU'RE A LEADER!

Script by Cecil A. Jeffery
Slides adapted from art work by Philip S. Aguilar

International Society of Christian Endeavor

This is a replica of the title slide in the new leadership training set of eight color slides with guide sheets.

First Audio-Visual Unit To Be Completed July 1

"So You're a Leader" is the title of this brand new set of Kodachrome slides, the first project of the recently appointed Audio-Visual Committee. This has been made possible through the Ernest R. Bryan Memorial Fund.

The accompanying guide sheets emphasize the opportunities and challenges of leadership through Christian Endeavor and are based on the presentation made by Cecil A. Jeffery, Extension Secretary of the International Society, at the sessions of the Program Council and Executives' Conference last December.

Instructions for presentation are also included, plus suggestions for varied ways to make effective use of these teaching aids in union work.

Colorful and attractive, this unit is just what Christian Endeavor leaders have been asking for—it will be ready for shipment July 1. The price for eight slides plus the helpful guide sheets is just \$3.75. Order from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

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HAVE YOU REGISTERED for the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention? Use this handy blank. Those who cannot attend may receive the program, badge, etc., if desired.

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Please register me for the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27, 1958. I enclose Five Dollars.

My name is _____

My address is _____

I desire information on the International Society tour. ☐

I do not now plan to attend the convention. Please send me program, badge, etc. ☐



Christians Have the Most Fun

Colossians 3:1-17

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JULY

Comments by Jana Woodrum*

Aim

To show that Christians have the most fun in life because in Christ everything, work and play, comes to life with great new meaning and significance.

Promoting the Meeting

Make a poster with the question, "Do you have more fun in life because you are a Christian?" Below it have the time and place of the meeting, and photographs of society members.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
Call to Worship: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10)

Prayer

Hymn: *He Keeps Me Singing (There's Within My Heart a Melody)*

Scripture: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Offertory

Topic and Discussion

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Sentence Prayers of Rededication

Benediction

What Is "Fun"?

Fun is something intangible. Like the sunshine, it touches men and gives them pleasure. True fun is more than a game of Scrabble or a Fourth of July picnic; true fun is the joy which life offers to any individual who has come to a reckoning with himself and God and found the Kingdom of Heaven within. Fun is essential.

Think back to the last Christian Endeavor rally or convention you attended. The first thing that enters your mind is what a good time you had! With other Christian friends you sang, prayed, played games, and probably ate. It was fun! You gained a satisfaction from the association with others. In many life situations the enjoyment comes from doing something with friends, with other people whom you know and like.

This can be applied to school life. Imagine a chemistry lab without any fellow students to make the same mistakes, learn the same formulas. Imagine practically any facet of your life except when you are asleep or alone by choice and you see that you will be doing things which necessitate working with others.

How to Have the Most Fun

To have the most fun—get the most out of your daily relations with people—the ideal situation would be, as Glenn Clark puts it, "a blissful, harmonious relationship between all persons, where each one leads

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QUESTIONS

1. What is the most fun to you? Why?
2. What is the most joyous thing that has ever happened to you? Why?
3. What would you miss most about being a Christian, if the privilege were suddenly withdrawn?
4. How much are you willing to give, as a Christian, to gain a more abundant, more joyous living?

a perfectly adjusted and harmonious life, in perfectly adjusted and harmonious relationship with all other lives . . ." Here is an asset you have as a Christian: the possibility of achieving a harmonious relationship with all other lives.

Christ teaches you should love your neighbor (that means the person next to you this very instant) as yourself: love that neighbor enough to give to him what he needs. This may be very actual assistance—you may have to do something for this person; or it may be the extension of your affection and friendship.

You have at your disposal prayer power, which can help you achieve the right attitude toward others, and *them* to respond to you in Christ-like terms. "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). This is a pretty unqualified challenge. When you pray for the ability to love your neighbor as yourself, believe that through Christ you can and you are, and you will be! If you were not a Christian, you would be without prayer to help make something of the realization that others are vastly important to your own happiness.

Living More Abundantly

Have you ever experienced a time when life seemed to be intensely beautiful and magnificently good? When your eyesight was cleared and it seemed as if the great vistas of God's Plan were shown you in all their breathtaking beauty? When each tree and flower, each small dog and tousled child, everything and everyone seemed infinitely important and wonderful? This is living more abundantly—this is life as you can see it only if you have a faith in the infinite wisdom of God.

Fun in life does not follow the pessimist.

You will not enjoy life unless you are optimistic, and you probably will not be optimistic unless you have come to terms with Christ and said, "There's too much for me to handle — You take over." In notice, you have to give the high sign: Christ has come and more than halfway, is your turn in the Game.

Once He does get control, something will sing in you. Your awareness will sharpen. You will see marvelous examples of love in actions of everyone around you. You will see people unconsciously doing things His way. For He has made us members of His body and now He works through us to build His kingdom on earth.

In spite of sputniks and H-bombs, in spite of men's blunders, "though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rule" (Maltbie D. Babcock). This means that His coming, His birth-death-resurrection is to show you, citizen of the Space Age 1958, that there is a Reality, a true Life of beauty and love. Life is good and there is much necessity for believing in its goodness.

Spiritual Recreation

Good fun brings to mind good recreation—swimming, tennis, a picnic. But you, as a Christian, have a special kind of recreation: for recreation means far more than "having a good time." Recreation means actual re-creating, the renewing and refreshing of the body and mind, yes, but the spirit should not be neglected.

As a Christian, the greatest psychological astringent known is right at your fingertip—the Bible. Of course, sun tan lotion in the bottle, never applied, does little good. The same is true of the Bible. It takes some honest determination to set aside some time every day for spiritual recreation, for application of the Bible's eternal philosophy to your soul. But it can heal; it can re-create your joy; it can show you how much fun there is to be had in life. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . . and all these things shall be added" (Matthew 6:33).

Yes, Christ teaches you to have fun with others; Christ shows you how much fun life is; Christ renews your capacity for fun. Truly, Christians get the most out of life they do have the most fun.

From God's Word

- M., June 30. Joy Promised Jeremiah 30:18,19.
T., July 1. Command to Rejoice. Nehemiah 8:9-12.
W., July 2. Getting Along with Others. Proverbs 22:1-5.
T., July 3. Joyful Singing. Psalm 81:1,2
F., July 4. Family Joy. Luke 15:22-24.
S., July 5. A State of Happiness. Proverbs 3:13-15
Sun., July 6. Topic—Christians Have the Most Fun. Colossians 3:1-17.

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In the Garden

No. 1 in a Series: "God and Man"

Genesis 2:8-17



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JULY 6

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong*

Preparation for the Meeting

Try to obtain a map showing Palestine and the area around the Persian Gulf. If you have no large Bible map, a modern map of these nations will do as well. It is true that most Bibles have some sort of maps in the back which may be used. If all this fails, have someone draw a free-hand map of this area on the blackboard. Indicate on this map the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

The Location of Eden

There is a great deal of discussion, of course, about the Garden of Eden. Was it really a geographical point on a map? We shall say something more about the location of men today to Eden. For the present, however, it must be assumed that the writer of Scripture has a specific location in mind. There are two specific things stated about this garden that locate

(1) It was "eastward in Eden"—translated in the Revised Standard Version as, "...planted a garden in Eden, in the east." It is thought by most commentators that Eden was a name by which the whole area was commonly known. Today the specific area is not known. It was "east," which probably means east of Palestine.

(2) The garden had a river and this river "parted and became into four heads," which is translated in the Revised Standard Version as, "and there it divided and became four rivers." These rivers are named:

- Pison**—This river cannot be located today. Many efforts are made to suggest what it was. It is said it went around the land of Havilah. Perhaps this was northern Arabia.
- Gihon**—Neither can this river be located. Some believe that the land, Cush, is the land of Egypt and this river, then, the Nile. Others believe it refers to part of ancient Babylonia. It may be said that some have thought these two rivers were ancient canals.
- Hiddekel**—This is identified by all as the Tigris River.
- Euphrates**—Easily found on any map.

The Description of Eden

Eden was a place of great beauty and much abundance. Milton in his poem, *Paradise Lost*, traces some of the beauties of this garden in poetic fashion. There were here a great many trees, beautiful to see and useful for food. To all of them there was access.

There were two trees, however, with special meaning. "The tree of life" and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." It cannot be doubted but that these two trees had special meaning. Perhaps they were ordinary fruit trees, but a special significance had been given them. It must also be remembered that there is much

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LESSON AIMS

- To make this narrative of Genesis a vital reality to the Christian life today.
- To realize that Biblical Truth stands the test of time.

symbol used in Scripture and, although we accept the story as true and actually happening, it does not mean that we cannot attach a symbolic meaning to these trees.

The one tree mocked obedience — The Tree of Life. The second tree mocked disobedience—The Tree of Good and Evil. These trees stood together making very clear the choice of good or bad.

The Work of Eden

There were some very interesting things to notice in Eden. (1) There was fellowship with God; (2) There was a family; (3) There was work.

Fellowship with God was a natural! Young people ought always to remember this. The *real* man is the one who trusts God. What is the standard of manhood today?

(Discuss: Is it how much you can drink? What you have tried and gotten away with? How well you can swear?)

A real man is a man who has fellowship with God.

It is also interesting to see that marriage and the home began when man was still sinless. This is not so of the state or government. Young people must remind themselves always of the purity of marriage and the importance of the home. This is the primary hope of the world and nation.

There was work in the garden. Adam was called upon to tend and keep it. Thus to work is not a curse but a blessing. It may be good for young people to remind themselves of this fact which isn't too pleasant when there is grass to mow or snow to shovel.

Our Relation to Eden

It is important for young people to realize, especially in their scientific studies in school today, that all people—yes, all Christians—do not accept this portion of Genesis as historical. It is said that history and geology do not give us the evidence for this material.

It is true, however, that recent sociological studies and, for that matter, etymological studies (meaning and origin of language), have shown that languages do all come from a common root and that people came from a common stock. This

area, known as the fertile crescent, has long been called the cradle of civilization. Another question asked is, "How can it be that there was a 'golden age' for when you study Cro-Magnon and Neanderthal man you see no resemblance to men today." This may be an indication of our modern conceit, but also of the disastrous results of sin.

How have men sought to understand our relationship to this narrative?

Pre-History

This may be given many names. All admit that no one living at that time recorded the events. Pre-history then is an account of previous time that may be partially true to fact and yet may also employ vivid imagery for telling a history.

Myth-Saga

Some resolve the problem by saying it simply shows great imagination. None of the story is true. It was only imaginary (like Atlas carrying the world on his shoulders). Others say, the truth is that man lived and was created but the details are imaginary.

Historical

There are those of us who believe that what is recorded here is sober history. Some symbols may be used but the narrative is true. It was recorded under the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit. Since much of the Bible, once discredited, has been proved by archeological findings we shall wait to discredit the Bible at this point also until we have absolute and factual proof to the contrary.

Religious

We must not forget, however, that this narrative has real meaning for us today. The old McGuffey reader said,

"In Adam's fall
We sinned all."

This is the meaning to us. We are taught that all of us must continually face the choices of good and evil. The Christian has the advantage, however, that he can do all things through Christ who strengthens him.

Suggested Hymns

Give of Your Best to the Master; O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee.

Consecration Service

This is an excellent topic for the consecration meeting. Mention man's duty in the garden: that he was placed there to dress it and keep it. Show how the command of God needs to be kept and any transgression will bring sin and separation. The meeting might well be held in some church member's garden.

(Note: This suggestion is found in the Intermediate edition of the Program Guide for 1957-58. Have you ordered a supply of the new Program Guides for 1958-59 for your use? They are full of helpful material to aid your society. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. 30c a copy.)

Scripture Portions

- M., June 30. Man Pre-eminent. Psalm 8:4-8.
T., July 1. A Symbol of Blessing. Isaiah 51:1-3.
W., July 2. The Garden of Prayer. Mark 14:32-36.
T., July 3. The Garden of Righteousness. Isaiah 58:9-11.
F., July 4. The Test of Choice. I Kings 3:3-5.
S., July 5. Paradise Regained. Revelation 22:1-5.
Sun., July 6. Topic—In the Garden. Genesis 2:8-17.



Christ Prays for Oneness

No. 1 in a Series: "Oneness in Christ"

John 17; Ephesians 4:3-6

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JULY

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess*

Aims

1. To introduce Jesus Christ.
2. To understand His prayer.
3. To show God's unified plan.

Setting

Since much of our thinking has to do with Christ's prayer, let us follow His example and go apart into a cool garden spot.

Arrange the seating in the form of a triangle. Place three poles or stakes at the three angles. Mark one pole to represent God, another Christ, and the third the Believer. Use crepe paper or ribbon to connect the three poles. Place chairs or seats inside the triangle.

As the members arrive lead them into the triangle near the marker representing Jesus Christ, explaining that He is the Door by which we enter into eternal life.

Seat two of the discussion leaders on each side of the triangle, with the leader in front of the marker for Jesus Christ.

For this plan to work well it is important to have ushers properly instructed and to seat your members carefully.

Preparation

Mimeograph a little four-page folder to be used during the meeting. On the cover place the topic title and an illustration of the triangle used in the seating arrangement. Between the corner representing Jesus Christ and the corner representing God place these words: *I in Thee; Thou in Me*. On the side of the triangle between Jesus Christ and Believer write: *Thine Are Mine; I in Them*. On the side between God and Believer write: *They Are Thine; Keep Thine Own*.

On the left inside page give the outline of John 17. On the right inside page list "One Body," "One Spirit," etc.

On the back of the folder it would be good to use a drawing of praying hands.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Leader's Introduction (a welcome to the garden room, telling of Christ's habit of frequent prayer, and closing with a brief invocation)

Hymn Time: *Near to the Heart of God; 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus; Sweet Hour of Prayer; Whisper a Prayer*

Directed Prayer (assign prayer subjects before the meeting)

Discussion of John 17

Special Music: *It Took a Miracle*

Announcements and Offering

Short Talks on Ephesians 4:3-6

Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*

Questions and Discussion

Closing Prayer and Benediction

John 17

Have the members turn to the outline

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LEADER'S PREPARATION CHART

(Check off the items)

Your topic should have been assigned by the Program Committee several weeks ahead to enable you to gather materials from your experiences in school, work, church life, and personal devotions. Be sure to consult with your sponsor and pastor for other help and experience.

Particularly the week before check yourself on the following items:

Was the lesson studied? _____

Follow the daily readings for Bible background, and devotional experiences. A little preparation each day will give you much material and greater confidence.

Did you get a notice in the church bulletin or local newspaper? _____

Were invitations or cards mailed? _____

What about a poster or an announcement in your Sunday school group? _____

Did you assign parts for others to take? _____

Did you write out their part so that there would be no slip-up? _____

Did you plan the program so that everyone present could have some part in the meeting? _____

Have the hymns and choruses been selected and a list prepared for your song leader and pianist? _____

Did you arrange a good opening talk, and a closing that could bring decisions in the lives of your friends? _____

Have you PRAYED much about the entire meeting? _____

of John 17 as printed in their programs. One or more can be assigned to take each section or an experienced older person may be selected to explain the whole chapter.

1. Glorify the Son (v. 1)
2. Eternal Life the Result
Definition of Eternal Life (v. 3)
How accomplished (v. 4)
By Word (v. 8)
By knowledge (v. 7)
By life (v. 6)
By resurrection (v. 5)

3. Prayer for believers
You keep (vs. 11, 14)
You sanctify (v. 18)
You bring with me (v. 24)
4. Prayer for outreach of Gospel
World one in Christ (v. 20)
Be made perfect (v. 23)
Love may be in them (v. 26)

Daily Readings

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| M., July 7. | Impartial Blessings. | Isaiah 61:10,11. |
| T., July 8. | One Body in Christ. | Romans 12:1-5. |
| W., July 9. | A Plea for Tolerance. | Acts 15:5-11. |
| T., July 10. | All Stewards of God's Grace. | I Peter 4:8-11. |
| F., July 11. | The Right Spirit. | Philippians 2:1-4. |
| S. July 12. | Humility Needed. | Luke 14:7-11. |
| Sun., July 13. | Topic—Christ Prays for Oneness. | John 17; Ephesians 4:3-6. |

Ephesians 4:3-6

This is the second passage of Scripture suggested for our topic. It pinpoints things that all believers have in common. Start with the last, One God and Father. Then introduce the other six as follows, to be at a time: One Body, One Spirit; One Lord; One Faith, One Baptism. Assign each subject to one of your members. Plan for an appropriate chorus or special number between each section.

Since there are slight variations in interpretation of these subjects, take care to avoid strong discussion. As each one speaks he might hold a cardboard with his subject lettered on it.

One God and Father

Bring out that He is above all, through all, and in all from creation to the time He sent His Son, and into eternity (Colossians 1).

One Body

Discuss that Christ is the head of the Church and we as believers are members in the Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 11).

One Spirit

Show that the Spirit works through the Word of God to bring us to Christ and the takes up His residence in our lives (I Timothy 3; I Corinthians 3 and 6).

One Hope

Relate some of Paul's testimony regarding future things in store for the believer (I Peter 1:13).

One Lord

Show the supremacy of Christ and how He demands our discipleship (Mark 10:42-45).

One Faith

Draw a word picture of different religious beliefs that have no redemption, no living Saviour, and no assurance of heaven (Hebrews 11).

One Baptism

Remind your members that identification with Christ is important (Ephesians 1:13).

Questions for Discussion

1. What is meant by the words, "Glorify the son?"
2. What are some of the things we do know about eternity? What things will not be a part of it?
3. Will our testimony count for much if we do not give forth God's Word?
4. Can we expect to be "perfect" this side of heaven?
5. Can an earthly ecclesiastical organization bring unity to believers?
6. What is the difference between ecclesiastical unity and unity of the Spirit?
7. What is the basic truth we must have if we are to be in unity with other believers?
8. What can we do to bring about unity among Christians in our community?

Fellowship Time

Following the meeting serve cookies and punch. Invite all to linger and give practical expression to the unity of the group.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

"Down You Go"

No. 2 in a Series: "God and Man"

Genesis 3:1-15



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JULY 13

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong

Introducing the Topic

The purpose of this topic is to make real young people the fact of temptation and depths of sin. Since this is an everyday problem it is important to consider. This topic seeks also to give some real meaning to the narrative of Genesis 3 which has always been under suspicion. A suggested playlet follows, which may be used as an introduction to this topic. If desired this might also be read by various members of the group without benefit of acting:

PLAY: Pandora's Box

Scene: A living room. Some chairs, tables, lamps, etc.

Characters: Two teen-agers (Jack and Helen) and Mother.

Scene: Now the play begins Jack is seen reading a book for school. Helen is busy doing her homework at the table, and Mother is preparing to leave the house.

Jack: Boy, this Greek mythology is sure corny! Have you ever read this story of Pandora, Helen?

Helen: Pandora? Who is that, may I ask?

Jack: Well, the Greeks said she was the first woman. Created by the gods to tempt men. They knew the ladies pretty well. (Helen pulls a face.) Anyway, this Jane is given a box and told never to open it.

Helen: Why not?

Jack: How should I know? I suppose to make her curious—women are all curious, you know.

Helen: We have no monopoly on that, old boy!

Jack: Well, anyway, she couldn't let the box alone. When she opened it all the troubles of the world escaped. Only Hope, which she kept in the box, remained.

Helen: Sounds a little like Adam and Eve, our lesson for last Sunday.

Jack: It doesn't make sense. Anybody can let a box alone if he wants to.

During this time mother has been listening carefully. Without saying a word she takes a box and sets it on a table in the room. Then, when she is about to go out, she speaks.)

Mother: I am going to visit grandmother. You will find cake in the kitchen and milk in the refrigerator. (Pause) And, by the way, don't open that box. I want to give it to father tonight. Goodbye.

OUR AIMS

1. To consider the deep seriousness of sin as "against God."
2. To show how God's way out is the only way.
3. To consider temptation as a reality and to find a solution in obedience to Christ.

Jack & Helen: Goodbye, Mom!

(Silence follows. As Jack reads, his eye lights on the box but he returns again to his reading. Again his attention goes to the box.)

Jack: What do you suppose is in that box? Helen: How should I know? Besides, I'm not interested; you know what mother said.

Jack: Sure, sure! I'm not interested either! (Silence reigns. Again Jack looks at the box. This time he goes over to it, lifts it, and shakes it.)

Helen: Jack—let it alone!

Jack: I'm just curious to know what it is. It sure is light and it doesn't even rattle. I think I'll take just a peek.

Helen: Jack!

Jack: I'm sure mother wouldn't care. (Gingerly he lifts the edge of the box and peeks in. Then the cover comes off.) Nothing! Can you imagine, nothing but old paper.

Helen: I thought you said women were curious. In this case you take the cake! Come on, let's go get some in the kitchen. (Exit, Curtain.)

Discussion

Take some time to discuss this play. Have someone read I John 2:15-17. In this passage there are three things listed that characterize sin and temptation:

- (a) The lust of the flesh—"the tree was good for food" (Genesis 3:6). It would satisfy the bodily appetite.
- (b) The lust of the eyes—"that it was pleasant to the eyes" (Genesis 3:6).
- (c) The pride of life—"and a tree desired to make one wise" (Genesis 3:6).

These things characterize every temptation and desire to sin.

Messages from the Bible

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| M., July 7. | What Is Sin? | I John 2:15-17. |
| T., July 8. | Lack of Faith. | Romans 14:22,23. |
| W., July 9. | All Have Sinned. | Romans 3:20-23. |
| T., July 10. | Failure to Do Good. | James 4:17. |
| F., July 11. | Cleansing Needed. | Psalms 51:1-10. |
| S., July 12. | Despising Neighbors. | Proverbs 14:21. |
| Sun., July 13. | Topic—"Down You Go." | Genesis 3:1-15. |

What Is Sin?

It would be a good thing to try to define sin. It is more than disobedience; more than immorality; more than error. Emil Brunner defines sin as "defiance, arrogance, the desire to be equal with God, emancipation . . ." (Man in Revolt, p. 129). Someone has said, "Man's god-almightiness." It is important for young people to realize the serious character of sin. Unless there is a remedy man is lost. Sin destroys and mars.

What About Us?

There is a real relation between Adam's sin and ours. There are a great many who will not accept this fact. However, there are very few people today who will deny that there is something very wrong with man. They say how he got that way is unimportant. The question really is, what can we do about it?

This is probably true. However, conservative Christians have taught that Adam's sin has an effect on all men. As we are bound together in families and the decision of one has an effect on all, so all men are bound together because they are men. Thus, Brunner states that not only are we sinners all-together, but all of us together are sinners. (If you have a Latin student have him translate the phrases *Ego Totius* and *Nos Toti*.)

Temptation

Entering into the picture of the first sin and the fall of man there was present a tempter. The question of how he got there, how he appeared, etc., is for the moment unimportant. We ought to remember that we always have tempters about us.

Historically, these tempters have been named: the devil, the world, and the flesh. Our old enemy is the devil. It was popular for a time to deny his existence. It's just like denying a hole in the pavement and falling into it. He is there, active and tempting. The world tempts. Consider together some of these things. Think of the millions being spent for T. V. advertising, movies, etc. Our own flesh is a tempter. This is a recognition of what we have just said about something wrong inside.

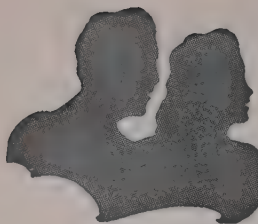
Conclusions

We need to see ourselves as we really are and then learn to trust alone in Christ for our salvation. We must try to resist all temptation as much as we possibly can.

Program Suggestions

Suggested Hymns: *More Like the Master; I Am Thine, O Lord; Trust and Obey.*

When Scripture is read, be sure Genesis 3:1-15 and I John 2:15-17 are read together.



A Realistic Look at Our Prejudice

No. 2 in a Series: "Oneness in Christ"

Luke 6:27,28; Luke 10:25-37

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JULY

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess

Aims

1. To find our place before God.
2. To discover God's plan for our lives.
3. To demonstrate practical Christianity.

Setting

Conduct a "Memory Meeting" on a mountain or hilltop. Sing hymns and quote Scripture from memory. Discuss prejudices and world conditions. Listen for night bird calls and sounds. See the first star appear. Close with prayer for a calm and peaceful faith that dispels prejudices. (This plan is suggested in the current Senior-Young People's Program Guide.)

Very careful preparation and assignments must be made for such a meeting. Use one of your most resourceful leaders.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn Sing (familiar hymns)
Testimony Time
Scripture: Luke 10:25-37
Leader's Introduction
The Daily Bible Readings (by six speakers)
Hymn: *More Like the Master*, or the chorus,
My Desire
Climax
Hymn: *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
Closing Moments

Familiar Hymns

Now the Day Is Over; My Faith Looks Up to Thee; Let the Beauty of Jesus; Jesus Never Fails; I Love to Tell the Story; He Lives; Great Is Thy Faithfulness.

Testimony Time

After some singing and prayer, ask as many as will to tell of God's faithfulness during the week just past. It may be a verse that meant a lot in the Quiet Hour or perhaps how a temptation was conquered—anything to show that God's presence is real. Let the song leader be alert to start appropriate choruses between some of the testimonies.

Scripture

It would be most effective if someone can be challenged to learn Luke 10:25-37, the illustration of "who is thy neighbor," and present it from memory.

Leader's Introduction

Last week we learned of Christ's prayer that we might be one, and that we might be kept from the evil one. From the time of Eve and Adam there has been deception, wrong choice, and disobedience to save one's self. The daily readings for the week have suggested what our attitudes should be. Several members of our group will express themselves on these Scriptures and we will all discuss them.

CHECK LIST

- Suggestions for planning the meeting:
(check when done)
Topic prepared in advance? . . .
Publicity in Sunday school department, church bulletin, newspaper? . . .
Special invitations mailed? . . .
Musical number(s) arranged? . . .
Song list given to leader and pianist? . . .
Room setting and "props" ready? . . .
Sub-leaders assigned talks, Scriptures, prayer items, questions to discuss? . . .
A good closing planned? . . .

First Speaker

Acts 15:5-11. This case of teaching after salvation is interesting. The incident tells how Peter reports out the trial of a man before the apostles and elders. Now that the Spirit of God had come, salvation is by faith alone and not through any merit we have ourselves. What does Peter mean when he talks about grace? Can we quote some verses about salvation?

Second Speaker

Malachi 2:8-10. This deals with the priests who were self-centered and corrupted the covenant. God made them a laughing-stock to the people. The appeal is that God has made us to be like Him. Have you ever had anybody laugh at you because you were awkward, or because you thought you could cut the corners and come out ahead? If God is really our Father through faith in Christ, we won't fall into error that way. What covenants have you made and not kept?

Third Speaker

Matthew 23:8-12. This brings out that there is one Master, even Christ, and one Father, even God. The rabbi was "putting on the dog" and everyone kowtowed to him. Christ spoke for equality and unity. How do you show respect to your pastor, your Sunday school teacher, your sponsor? What measure of respect should we give to public officials?

Fourth Speaker

Acts 10:34-43. A Gentile, Cornelius had just come to faith in Christ and wanted to be taught. Peter told him the Gospel, that Jesus was empowered by God's Spirit to teach and heal, then He was crucified and God raised Him from the dead. Witnesses saw Him alive and were given the commandment to preach that "whoever be-

lieveth in him shall receive remission sins." Gentile conversions were a new thing. Should there be class or race distinction in America? What are we doing to reach those in our neighborhood for Christ at the Church?

Fifth Speaker

Matthew 7:1-5. We've all read about judging others and Christ's illustration of the mote and the beam. Until we learn to judge our own sin and overcome it we have no right to "tell someone else off." What are some of the standards we should have in judging others? Are they Christlike?

Sixth Speaker

Luke 6:27, 28. "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse, and pray for those who defame you." Could you do this if you were a Christian? Does it usually mean that our testimony is getting under the skin of others when these things take place? What was Jesus' attitude under fire of that sort? How far can this go in relieving the problems of governments? Who has the true standard of righteousness? What are some of the cups of cold water we can give in Christ's Name? Do you actually keep a prayer list of those who have shown dislike for you? Do you pray for Russian leaders, or for Communists anywhere? Do you pray that our own leaders may not trust in their own wisdom and strength?

Climax

Have Luke 10:25-37 acted out in a nearby spot with flashlights playing on the characters. If those who are to pass by can also double as thieves, five young people can act out this parable. Bring in all the sound effects possible. The man, the priest, the Levite, the Samaritan, and the Inn Keeper all do their parts after the thieves exit. Let the priest and the Levite each recite our loud good reasons for passing the injured man by. Then let the Samaritan also express his ideas.

Discussion: What does it mean to love the Lord with all your heart? All your soul? All your strength? All your mind? Listen to the words of Jesus: "Go, and do thou likewise." Let's be realistic and name in our own thoughts some unlovely people who are our "neighbors." Then plan to do something.

Closing Period

Join hands in a great circle. Let each one around the circle utter a sentence of determination. These ought to flow easily: "I will be kinder to my little brother," "I will be a better son," etc. Let there be a period of silent prayer just looking up into the face of God in the heavens. This is particularly inspiring if the stars happen to be out by this time. Let the sponsor lead in a closing prayer.

From the Book of Books

- M., July 14. One Brotherhood As God's Children. Malachi 2:8-10.
T., July 15. One Brotherhood with One Master. Matthew 23:8-12.
W., July 16. Not a Respector of Persons. Acts 10:34-43.
T., July 17. Members of One Body. 1 Corinthians 12:12,13.
F., July 18. Danger of Self-Exaltation. Luke 20:45-47.
S., July 19. True Perspective. Matthew 7:1-5.
Sun., July 20. Topic—A Realistic Look at Our Prejudices. Luke 6:27,28; Luke 10:25-37.

Lifting Me from Want

No. 3 in a Series: "God and Man"

Psalm 23:1-3,5,6



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JULY 20

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong

Suggestions for Worship

Center attention upon God's care for His world and especially for men. Use such hymns as *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, *This Is My Father's World*, and *Break Thou the Bread of Life*. Repeat in unison Psalm 23. Have someone else read John 6:10-16.

Preparing for the Topic

Before the meeting begins you might suggest that everyone present write down some "wants" they have. As you begin the topic discussion have some of these "wants" read.

Physical Wants

A great many of us have listed physical wants. We may want a better home, a better car, nicer clothes, a more attractive person. All these are real wants. It is important to remember that Jesus speaks of real wants when He says, "Ask, and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Most of us, however, have so many of life's needs that our desires are for luxuries.

Basic Wants

During the second world war President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke of four freedoms: (1) The freedom from want; (2) The freedom from fear; (3) The freedom of worship; (4) The freedom of speech. What do you suppose he meant when he talked about freedom from want?

Discuss for a few minutes this idea, seeking to answer such questions as: Is there a real need of a better distribution of food in our world? Are there very many people who are really hungry?

When Jesus promised to give freedom from want He meant also that He would supply all our needs. Have someone read Psalm 37:25. The psalmist earnestly believes that God supplies bread for His children. God does really satisfy hunger and thirst.

Responsibility of Christians

Before we go on, however, we ought to remember two very important things:

(1) This truth is never an excuse for laziness. (See I Thessalonians 4:11; II Thessalonians 3:10.) Because we believe God frees us from want, it does not follow that we do not have to work to obtain our food.

(2) This truth does not free us from responsibility toward the needy everywhere. (Read James 2:15,16). It is our job as Christians to help supply the wants of fellow Christians everywhere.

OUR AIMS

1. To understand the real meaning of want.
2. To discuss some very real wants of life.
3. To see how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, satisfies every want.

Mental Wants

Did you know that men have mental wants? One of the great differences between men and animals is that men can think and reason. Now the mind has wants. Why do you think, for instance, so many millions are spent on advertising cigarettes, liquor, poor literature, and so on? The reason is that it creates in the mind a desire for what is bad, unclean, etc. Now when we have freedom from want, the idea is that God also frees us from evil desires and bad thoughts. The mind and heart are the source of man's life and thought. (Read Matthew 12:34; also Proverbs 4:23.)

A Deeper Need

After we have discussed the wants of the body and of the mind we are now ready to discuss the deepest need of all. This is the want of the soul. This deepest need of all is not even realized. Many centuries ago a great Christian, St. Augustine, said, "For thou madest us for Thyself, and our heart is restless, until it repose in Thee." Basically, every person is somewhat unsettled. Do you think this is part of the reason for juvenile delinquency? Take time to discuss this fact.

The deeper need can be satisfied when man learns that his chief purpose in life is to glorify God. Really, no man is "genuine" until he learns to honor God. This chief want is satisfied in Jesus Christ.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd

Psalm 23 says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Jesus suggests that the task of the shepherd is to make provision for the sheep. How can you make the idea of "green pastures" and "still waters" real? Have you ever been mentally or spiritually hungry?

There is a little booklet entitled, *Meditations from a Prison Cell*, written by Alin Stockwell, available from *The Upper Room* (Nashville, Tennessee). This tells of a man who was a prisoner of the communists.

Quiet Hour Readings

M., July 14.	The Good Shepherd.	John 10:10-16.
T., July 15.	Divine Supplies.	Malachi 3:10.
W., July 16.	Divine Guidance.	John 16:7-13.
T., July 17.	Restoration.	Micah 7:18,19.
F., July 18.	Oil of Gladness.	Isaiah 61:1-3.
S., July 19.	Mercy Promised.	Isaiah 54:6-13.
Sun., July 20.	Topic—Lifting Me from Want.	
	Psalm 23:1-3,5,6.	

He knows the meaning of loneliness and the bread and water of God's Word.

Does the Bible ever appeal to you as living, mental food? Try reading some new translation of the Bible for a sense of greater reality.

The Good Shepherd provides better and better food for His sheep. The pastures where He leads are always green. The psalmist says, "And let your soul delight itself in fatness" (Isaiah 55:2). Are we on a spiritual diet? Are we anxious to know "More About Jesus?"

Concluding the Service

Have a reconsecration service. If you can obtain the picture of Christ, the Good Shepherd, use this for a worship center. Have sentence prayers requesting greater spiritual gifts. Let each one rededicate himself or herself anew to the Great and Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Combat Summer Slump

Here are some ideas to keep attendance up during the summer months. Don't let "summer slump" close down your society!

If there are two or more societies in your church, combine forces for summer meetings. If you wish, have joint meetings with societies in nearby churches.

Let one committee lead one meeting, another committee the next meeting, etc., until all committees have had a turn. Give an award for the best meeting.

If you have a cool basement room where you can meet, advertise this fact and capitalize on it.

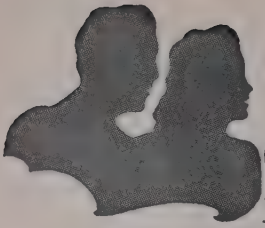
Have a weekday evening meeting, combining your weekly devotional meeting with a social time or business meeting.

For outdoor meetings make use of a portable record player and some recordings of good hymns. Or use an accordion or other instrument, if one of your members plays one, to accompany the hymns you sing. A bonfire meeting is good and offers opportunity to make use of Scripture quotations and testimonies. A picnic supper just before the meeting would be enjoyable.

Try a "shipwreck meeting." The leader announces that everyone is shipwrecked on an island and you are holding a meeting to give thanks for being safe; all remarks will be in line with the shipwreck idea. Appropriate songs like "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" and "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me" can be sung.

Another idea is a "step-by-step" meeting on the steps of the church. Each one moves up to the next higher step after taking part.

Whenever you do not meet in the regular society meeting room, be sure to leave a sign on the door, so that late comers or strangers may find your group.



The Power of Christian Oneness

No. 3 in a Series: "Oneness in Christ"

John 1:6-13; Matthew 12:26-30

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

JULY 2

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess

Aims

1. To rethink Christ's sacrifice.
2. To discover the source of power.
3. To think about what we can do for Him.

Setting

Let's make this a "goodie" right in our own meeting room. Arrange the chairs around the outside of the room. With chalk indicate on the floor a pattern for placing the chairs, which will be used as the meeting progresses. You might choose the airplane as a symbol of power, planning to arrange the chairs to indicate the engine, fuselage, wings, tail, etc. As each one takes part he moves his chair into one of the marked spaces. Thus the completed instrument represents unity in working together toward common goals.

Attention--Getter

Start the meeting with a bang! Use a siren, a horn, the sound of a motor revving up, etc., to indicate power. The leader can talk about power and then announce clearly the topic for the evening. Powerful enthusiasm comes from singing so get off to a good start with a song service.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn Time: *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart; O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee; Saved, Saved to Tell Others; No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus*

Prayer Time: Have five or six members prepared to quote a Scripture verse on prayer with no pre-announcement. Follow by prayer period.

Leader's Introduction

Solo: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Short Talks--

1. The Source of Power
2. The Sure Foundation
3. So We May Know
4. Responsibilities
5. Everyday Needs

Leader's Closing

Hymn

Benediction

Leader's Introduction

Tonight we must burn a lot of energy if we are to get the most out of our meeting. Everyone will take part so that we can complete our project of constructing good ship *Christian Power*.

The Source of Power

Leader: Trusting in Him for strength let's begin to build this powerful airship. _____ will give us the source of our power from John 1:6-13.

First Speaker: John witnessed to a light that has been shining since the world began, and was finally seen on earth over 1900 years ago. Of course, I mean Jesus Christ.

Why did He come (v. 11 and 12)? Who were His own? Who were the "as many"? What did believing bring? Was there a thing man could do to get salvation? A born-again man is a _____ of God.

(If your group is large each answer to questions like those above will move a chair into place on the construction of the airplane.)

The Sure Foundation

Leader: _____ will tell us something about the sure place to build our airport (Matthew 16:13-18).

Second Speaker: Just who is Jesus Christ? (Let members of the group give as many answers as they can.) Do we join with Peter in saying "Thou art . . ." (v. 16)? Because of Peter's testimony Christ said He would build His Church upon it.

Does anyone know you are a Christian outside of your family circle—at school, at work, at play? What "Bible" are some people reading? Do you take every opportunity to use the power of testimony which God has given you?

So We May Know

Leader: Just to be sure that we know what it means to be born of God, and what testimony is necessary for God to be pleased, let's study a third Bible passage. _____, what does Ephesians 2:19-22 tell us?

Third Speaker: Here we are shown as building a house. The Christian is spoken of as a "saint." All believers are called saints in the Bible. Also we are called "fellow citizens." What is our foundation? Who is the chief cornerstone (look up that word in a dictionary)? In our airplane what is the key unit? In our home what is the mainstay? Where will our lives count for most?

Responsibilities

Leader: Romans 12:5 gives us a list of responsibilities that God wants us to carry out. _____ is going to help us find some of these.

Fourth Speaker: Big words these—prophecy, ministry, exhorting, giving, ruling. Guess we can all give, but when it comes to preaching and teaching and some of these other things, I'm afraid most of us aren't very expert.

Daily Bible Lessons

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| M., July 21. | Blessedness of Unity. | |
| T., July 22. | The Church's One Foundation. | Psalm 133. |
| W., July 23. | Christ, the Head. | Matthew 16:13-18. |
| T., July 24. | One Body in Christ. | Colossians 1:14-18. |
| F., July 25. | Built Up in Christ. | I Corinthians 12:20,27. |
| S., July 26. | Varying Gifts. | Ephesians 2:19-22. |
| Sun., July 27. | Topic--The Power of Christian Oneness. | I Corinthians 12:1-7. |
- John 1:6-13; Matthew 12:26-30.

But what does our Christian Endeavor Pledge say that we will do? Yes. . . "whatever He would have me do" is the covenant we made.

There's another list in I Corinthians 12:27, 28 which is very similar. (Read these verses.)

Let's list some of our modern vocations in so-called full-time Christian service. There's the office secretary, organist, Christian teacher, nurse, doctor, business manager, farm director, radio technician, announcer, to mention only a few. What church or missions organization isn't happy to have well-trained folk like these? (Name some other Christian vocations you know about.)

Everyday Needs

Leader: We've all admitted that the average person given into God's hands does have talent that can be used for the service of Christ. Some of us may serve as missionaries, Christian education directors, pastors, or Christian Endeavor field secretaries—and of course, all men in these professions need dedicated wives, too!

Now we have the design of the plane and the foundation. We have been building the plane up as we tell forth the things we know and feel in our hearts. Let's fill in the obvious, ordinary, everyday things that may not seem so glamorous but which are necessary for a completed structure.

Fifth Speaker: Christ said He had given us power to live the life He gave us. We need to have communications in order to get off the ground and fly.

Who is the source of power? How important is Bible reading and prayer? What about attendance at Sunday morning worship? What about the midweek meeting? What about bowing in thanks before lunch? What about distributing Gospel leaflets? What about teaching a class, serving on a Gospel team, visiting the sick? What about kindness in the home, loving your neighbor?

Leader's Closing

God gives us first of all salvation. Then He gives us the power we need to live our lives according to His will.

Now it's time to get into the air. Is everyone ready? Buckle on your safety belts, rev up the motors, and here we go—out into our homes, at school, among friends, and into the working world.

Let's remember that Christ has made us all one, and we must encourage one another and pray for one another.

(Ask the group to rise and let volunteers lead in prayer.)

Wherever we meet this week, let's make the impact of our meeting last by greeting one another with the word, "Power." It will help us remember Jesus Christ and what we want to do for Him.

Lifting Me from Fear

No. 4 in a Series: "God and Man"

Psalm 23:4



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

JULY 27

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong

Introducing the Topic

The three little pigs had a theme song. Do you remember what it was? "Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf?" Do you suppose they really meant it when they sang?

The first little pig in his house of straw sang it lustily until with a huff and a puff the wolf the house fell in. The second little pig, in his house of twigs, so sang loudly until, with a huff and a puff, his house was gone. When they got to the house of the third little pig and heard the wolf knocking, do you think they were as brave as before?

This story is a parable. It is a picture of people everywhere. They bluster and shout. They proclaim, "Who's afraid? I'm not afraid of anything!" But when they talk all alone on a country road at night they whistle. Is this just because they like to whistle?

Picture two boys in a cave. The one holding a candle creeps ahead. The other close to his heels says, "Say, Tom, ain't you afraid?" To which comes the reply: "W-who, n-n-me? N-n-no, I ain't afraid." And the candle almost falls to the ground for it is shaking so.

What Makes People Afraid

Of course, we know there are many things that make people afraid. People are afraid that they will not be accepted. It is hard for a teen-ager, for example, to move to a new neighborhood and school. Maybe the crowd won't like him.

Young people are afraid because they may fail in school. Maybe they won't admit it to anyone, but it is a real fear.

Teen-agers are afraid, oftentimes, of the future. What are you going to do or be? The present selective service program keeps young people uncertain.

It is true, of course, that there are many small fears. Take a little time out in your meeting at this point and discuss some of the fears present in your own life.

A Basic Fear

But underneath everything we have been talking about there is something very basic. We fear many things because we are afraid of sickness and death. Probably not many people, especially young people, are willing to admit this basic fear. Really, you may not even be conscious of it, but isn't this one of our true fears: We are afraid to die. With this is a fear of God.

Now, of course, we are talking about people in general who do not know the freedom of Christ. Somehow men realize that even though they say they can live and do as they please, they really do not mean it. There will be a day of reckoning. Read Hebrews 9:27 for the Scriptural view on this matter. Also Galatians 6:7.

OUR AIMS

1. To help young people understand the true source of fear.
2. To admit the fears in our lives and seek to find relief.
3. To show how God takes our fears to Himself and helps us to overcome through Jesus Christ.
4. To learn to help others cure their fears.

Expressing Fear

Have you ever thought that juvenile delinquency and crime grow out of fear? You say, how can that be? A thief or a murderer has no fear. He is as bold as you please.

The thing every criminal is doing is covering up in his own twisted mind a sense of insecurity. He wants to prove to people that he is as big and powerful as the rest. He thinks the best way to do it is to prove he can do big things—but, unfortunately, in a bad way. Have you ever noticed that when the paper tells of criminals being caught or stopped in their crimes, many times they are glad and they admit they were afraid?

Overcoming Fear

In order to solve these problems we have discussed we will have to learn, first of all, to overcome fear. Have someone read Psalm 34:1-9. Here is the secret of freedom from fear. If we trust in God we will no longer be afraid.

One of the ancient church fathers, centuries ago, suggested this motto:

"Fear Him, ye saints, And ye will then have nothing else to fear!"

We must trust in God. To trust in God we must obey Him as He has revealed Himself to us in Jesus Christ. Read what Jesus Himself said in a very familiar passage, Matthew 11:28. We must learn to trust God completely.

Assistance in Overcoming Fear

Read Psalm 23:4, the text for today. The shepherd staff symbolizes the tender care of God for His people. He gently leads them in the proper way. The rod of the shepherd is for our protection. He sends away and beats off all enemies and attackers. At the same time we must not forget that the rod is also for discipline. Sometimes He must also point us to the proper way when we stray from the path.

Help from the Scripture

- M., July 21. No Fear of Death. Revelation 1:17,18.
T., July 22. Light in the Shadow. Isaiah 42:6,7.
W., July 23. Confidence in God. Habakkuk 3:17-19.
Th., July 24. Divine Presence. Joshua 1:7-9.
F., July 25. Divine Protection. Psalm 125:1,2.
S., July 26. Fear Not. Isaiah 43:1-3.
Sun., July 27. Topic—Lifting Me from Fear. Psalm 23:4.

Helping Others to Overcome Fear

Our responsibility isn't complete when we have overcome our personal fears. We need to help others. If you will remember what was said about expressing fears in a wrong way, then you have a clue.

Be sure that all young people are accepted in your Christian Endeavor group. Be sure no one feels left out. Learn to love people. Look for their good qualities. In the Christian life sometimes this means loving the unlovely. But God loved us while we were yet sinners!

Not only in Christian Endeavor but at school or at work we ought to cultivate the habit of kindness. Maybe someone who is afraid of being left out will realize after all that someone cares.

A girl, in a certain school, was very unlovely. Because of this she was roundly disliked and under suspicion by all. One day a student saw her put a note in a hollow tree. Quickly a teacher was called to reveal this dark secret and crime. When the note was opened it read: "Whoever you are, I love you!"

Worship Suggestions

Read Psalm 23 or Psalm 34:1-9 for the Scripture Lesson. Hymns suggested: *Near to the Heart of God; Blessed Assurance; Great Is Thy Faithfulness.*

Your society might wish to have an outdoor consecration service. Build a campfire, if you can, and hold your meeting in front of it. As the shadows darken and the fire brightens, sing familiar hymns.

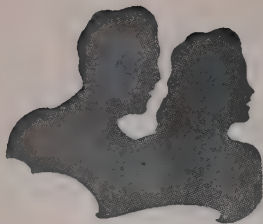
A testimony hymn service would be a good close for the meeting. Ask each member of the group to give his testimony in the words of the first few lines of his favorite hymn. For example, "Where He leads me I will follow." "I need Thee every hour." Every now and then take up the words and sing the suggested hymn, with everyone joining in.

Quotations

"One of the chief things to be afraid of is fear of the wrong things—fear, for instance, of being found out, and not fear of sinning; fear of men's disapproval, but not of God's; fear of death, but not of an evil life; fear of good angels, but not of bad men."—Amos R. Wells.

"If you are afraid in the dark, do more praying when the sun is shining."—The Ram's Horn.

"Not to fear where there is occasion is as great a weakness as to fear unduly, without reason. God planted fear in the souls as truly as he planted hope or courage. Fear is a kind of bell or gong, which rings the mind into quick life and avoidance upon the approach of danger. It is the soul's signal for rallying."—Beecher.



Everybody Does It

No. 1 in a Series: "Habits That Hinder"

II Corinthians 6:14-18; I Peter 2:9; Romans 12:2

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

AUGUST

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart*

Considerations for the Leader

The month of August is not the best time to expect 100% attendance by the members of your society. August is still regarded as a vacation month. However, not everyone goes away during the month. Get this idea fixed in your mind or you will be defeated before you start.

Consult with your society secretary and arrange for a special letter to go out to members and prospects. Include several good punch lines in this letter. Also phone several of your society members, giving each one a few phone numbers to call, inviting the youth to Christian Endeavor.

Plan a good meeting. Don't cut short the musical end of the program. Don't talk too long. Try to have a well-controlled discussion period. Give this meeting your best promotion and most careful planning. Ask God's blessing upon every effort you put forth.

Publicity

Find pictures of crowds of people. Cut out and paste on a poster card. Under the picture in large letters write: DOES IT PAY TO FOLLOW THE CROWD? DOES EVERYBODY DO IT? State time and place of meeting.

Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Special Music (Instrumental)
Scripture: II Corinthians 6:14-18
Prayer Hymn: *Whisper a Prayer*
Offering and Announcements
Special Music (Vocal)
Leader's Talk
Speakers 1, 2, and 3
The Aim and Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

The unit under consideration is "Habits That Hinder." There are four topics to make clear this study. This series should be a challenge to every individual who shares in the meetings. We are so accustomed to seeing the big sins on display that we forget the little sins that are loaded with grave danger and ruin. The truth is that these so-called "little sins" hinder our Christian growth and development.

How well we know that following the crowd is not always the right thing to do. But again, it is not always the wrong thing to do, either. There are times when it is right to follow the crowd, especially when the crowd is tramping through the paths of righteousness.

Above the cry of the crowd you will often hear one shrill voice, "But all the rest of the people do it and the majority

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Why should we obey God rather than men? (Acts 5:29)
2. What in your opinion does the worldly man expect of the individual who declares he is a Christian?
3. What can we do to change the thinking of people who go through life saying, "Everybody does it"?
4. How can we be different, especially under social pressure?
5. How many habits can you mention that really hinder us in the Christian life?

is always right." Don't believe a word of that declaration. Let's talk it over.

If you examine history's pages you will be amazed to discover that the majority has almost always been dead wrong.

You remember the name of Robert Fulton, don't you? He was a portrait painter, born in Pennsylvania in 1765. He set out for England in 1786 in order to study art under Sir Benjamin West. He became acquainted with James Rumsey, who had gone to England earlier, and after discussing inventions with him Fulton gave up all thought of painting. Fulton's brain teemed with ideas. His many inventions are recorded, but the great work of his life was in connection with the steamship.

"When I was building my first steamer in New York," he wrote, "the work was viewed by the public either with carelessness or contempt, as a useless scheme. I often loitered unknown near idle groups of strangers and heard them scoff and sneer and ridicule. Never did a single encouragement, a bright hope, a warm wish cross my path. My work was always spoken of as 'Fulton's Folly.'"

People dubbed him the perfect lunatic. But here again the majority was dead wrong. Fulton was the first man to make a commercial success of steam navigation.

Thomas Edison is a familiar personality to all of us. He promised to illumine homes and offices by a contrivance which looked like a hairpin burning in a bottle, but the majority laughed out loud. Again the majority was dead wrong. He was right; they were wrong.

Alexander Graham Bell was possessed with the idea that you could speak over a wire to folks a hundred miles away. The majority thought he was weak-minded. The crowd said, "No! Impossible!" But Bell did it. They were wrong; he was right.

Bible Meditations

- M., July 28. Watch Your Influence. I Corinthians 8:9-13.
T., July 29. Consider the Weak Brother. Romans 14:15-21.
W., July 30. Individually Responsible. Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32.
T., July 31. A Firm Decision. Joshua 24:14-16.
F., Aug. 1. Worldliness Versus Godliness. I John 2:15, 16.
S., Aug. 2. No Fellowship with Evil. II Corinthians 6:14-16.
Sun., Aug. 3. Topic—Everybody Does It. II Corinthians 6:14-18; I Peter 2:9; Romans 12:2.

We could tell of Columbus and his tiny fleet, Marconi and his wireless, the Wright brothers and their airplane, Ford and his "tin lizzie." These men stuck to their idea through thick and thin and came out on top.

Biblical history gives the classic example of all time. Nineteen hundred years ago the entire world, except for a pitiful handful, was arrayed against Jesus Christ, the Son of God. So sure were the majority that they were right that they led Him away to be crucified. But they crucified the Prince of Life. Here again the world was terribly wrong.

Don't say, "Everybody does it"—unless you have examined all the facts. As representatives of Jesus Christ and as members of Christian Endeavor we cannot afford to follow the crowd, unless the crowd is right. We must stand for the things we know to be right. We need courage and God will give it.

Do you want to be in the minority? All you need to do is determine to live for God when all the others in your gang continue in their own selfish ways, rejecting Jesus Christ. Whenever you give a true, ringing testimony of the grace of God, whenever you are a soul winner, you will be in the minority. Here is an area where "everyone does it" will not apply. But there is one thing sure—you will not walk alone. One with God is always a majority.

First Speaker

We like to watch the movements of babies. We note their growth with a great deal of interest. They are supposed to grow, and when they don't we know something has happened to the law of growth. A sure sign of maturity is that we do not cry out, "It must be right, it must be right, for everyone is doing it."

Second Speaker

God is more often with the minority than He is with the majority. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

Third Speaker

Daniel and his companions found themselves in a strange environment. Should they forget their training and do as the Babylonians did? No, they could not follow the crowd. They followed God, who led them to triumph.

Our Aim

To endeavor to understand more clearly what David meant when he wrote, "He leadeth me in strait paths."

Life Problem

Bart had no time for sound reasoning on the subject of drink. He said all his friends do it, and that is good enough for him. He said, too, that it is smart to drink. He did not want to be branded as a sissy among his friends. How do we answer Bart? How can we change his thinking?

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Everybody Does it

No. 1 in a Series: "Habits That Hinder"

Romans 12:2; Romans 7:24,25; I John 5:4,5



AUGUST 3

Intermediate (12-14 Years)

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb*

Preparing for the Meeting

Ask different ones in advance to report the Daily Readings and to study the Scripture Lesson. You might select a panel of three of us to sit at a table in the front of the room. Copy and give out the Questions for Discussion to remaining members, who will direct them to members of panel. For publicity in the Bible school, ask a boy or girl to come in, stooped over, carrying a heavy load marked "Habits That Hinder" and make announcement of meeting.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymns: *Jesus Calls Us; I Would Be Like Jesus*
Announcement of Lesson Series by Devotional Chairman
Scripture: Romans 12:2; I John 5:4,5.
Prayer
Presentation of the Topic by Leader
Life Problems Discussion
Daily Readings
Poem, "The Better Way"
Questions for Discussion (Panel)
Consecration Roll Call (respond with simple statement of purpose in light of topic)
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised or Stand Up for Jesus*
Sentence Prayers (closed by humming softly, *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*)
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

"Everybody does it" is a common phrase used to justify all kinds of conduct. Everybody smokes, everybody drinks, everybody gambles, everybody is out for the money, and so on. These statements might be called the voice of the world, and our topic might be worded, "The voice of the crowd versus the voice of God."

We are all influenced by what others think about us and expect us to do, and it is a big temptation to try to please our friends, or go along with the crowd. Some will do almost anything to gain the approval of the crowd. When they are with a religious crowd, they are religious; and when with a non-religious crowd, they are anything but religious.

When we become Christians the voice of God, not the voice of the crowd, is the guiding influence in our lives. There must be a difference between the Christian and the world. There is no middle ground. "He that is not for me is against me," said Jesus.

Lessons from Life

Mary did not do her homework regularly, and her notebook work in a certain course was away behind. Two nights be-

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OUR AIMS

1. To help each boy and girl to recognize the little sins in their lives that are keeping them from being growing Christians.

2. To help boys and girls understand that there must be a difference between the life of the one who is a Christian and the one who is not a Christian.

3. To help boys and girls find courage to take a stand for the right, regardless of what the crowd does, and to realize that all persons whose lives really count belong to this group.

fore notebooks were due she borrowed one from a friend and copied the notes, changing them to keep her teacher from noticing that they were copied. Why was this dishonest? Was her friend as much at fault as Mary for letting her have the book for copying? Give reasons.

"Everyone in my crowd smokes," was a statement made by a fifteen-year-old. Did that fact, if it were true, justify her starting to smoke? Was it not a confession that she was going with the wrong kind of crowd? What should she do in a case like that?

"You have to pet to be popular nowadays," is another statement some girls are making. Petting and purity do not keep company very long. Which is more desirable, popularity or purity?

THE BETTER WAY

It is better to lose with a conscience clean,
Than to win with a trick unfair;
It is better to fail, and to know you've been,
Whatever the prize was, square,
Than to claim the joy of a far-off goal
And the cheer of the standers-by,
And to know down deep in your inmost soul
A cheat you must live and die.

—Unknown

Questions for Discussion

1. Does a crowd have a conscience? Does a crowd do much thinking, or does it move on impulse?

2. Is it harder to think for one's self than to follow the voice of the crowd? Do real leaders listen to the voice of the crowd?

3. Is it true that the majority is always right? Is it true that "fifty million Frenchmen can't be wrong"? Can you name an instance where a whole nation is wrong?

4. What might have happened to the western world if Paul had listened to such advice as, "When in Rome do as the Romans do"?

For Daily Meditation

M., July 28. Watch Your Influence.
I Corinthians 8:9-13.
T., July 29. Consider the Weak Brother.
Romans 14:15-21.
W., July 30. Individually Responsible.
Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32.
T., July 31. A Firm Decision. Joshua 24:14-16.
F., Aug. 1. Worldliness Versus Godliness.
I John 2:15,16.
S., Aug. 2. No Fellowship with Evil.
II Corinthians 6:14-16.
Sun., Aug. 3. Topic—Everybody Does It. Romans 12:2; 7:24,25; I John 5:4,5.

5. How do we make or unmake our own characters by the choices that we make? Give an example.

6. Why should we always be able to say "yes" and "no" decisively in the matter of morals? What does the saying, "He who hesitates is lost" mean?

7. Why is the reason, "Everybody does it," not sufficient for the Christian to follow?

8. Why is the question, "What would Jesus have me do?" the safest to follow in making our decisions?

9. How does the first sentence in the Christian Endeavor Pledge help us think through such topics as we have tonight?

Daily Readings

I Corinthians 8:9-13 and Romans 14:15-21 are speaking of the same problem. In that day, when Christianity was new, people were turning from idol worship to the worship of the one true God. Much of the meat that had been offered to idols was later sold in the market place. Some asked if it was right for the new Christians to eat this meat. Paul said that in God's sight it didn't make any difference—that meat was meat—but that if there might be some who saw the Christians eating such meat, and did not understand they no longer ate it as meat sacrificed to a god, then it was better not to eat this meat. He said that as far as he was concerned, if his meat eating would cause any one to stumble, he wouldn't eat any of it as long as he lived. Why does such a stand show that Paul had real concern for his Christian influence? Are we responsible for our influence over those who are not as strong as we? (Read Matthew 5:13-16.) Discuss how this same principle applies to our recreation and amusements.

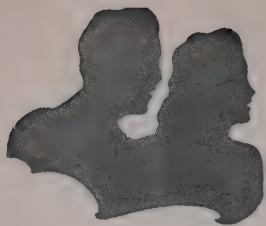
Ezekiel 18:30-32 and Romans 14:12 are both passages that tell us that each one of us is responsible for his own decisions and actions. God has given us the wonderful gift of life, and in turn, we must give account of the way we use this gift.

Joshua 24:14-16 and Daniel 1:8. Here are a pair of "dares" from the Old Testament. Following are two choruses from two old songs:

"Dare to stand like Joshua,
Dare to say the word
'As for me and for my house
We will serve the Lord.'"

"Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone,
Dare to have a purpose firm,
Dare to make it known."

I John 2:15,16. John writes here, as an old man with much experience, that we cannot love God and love the world at the same time. The glamour of the world will someday disappear, but the doing of God's will abides forever; it is eternal and permanent. John tells us to have no fellowship with evil, but to come out and be separate from the world. (Read II Corinthians 6:14-16.)



Confidentially—Have You Heard?

No. 2 in a Series: "Habits That Hinder"

Zechariah 8:16,17; Romans 13:7-10

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

AUGUST 1

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

Consideration for the Leader

Here is an idea that may click. Do you have an old shoe? Cut out the tongue and place it in a shoe box. Wrap the box attractively and place in a conspicuous place in the church. Close to it have these words printed, "In this box is a replica of one of your greatest enemies." Place a few question marks on the box.

Have a sufficient number of slips of paper to pass out as folks enter the room for the meeting. Ask them to write what they believe is in the box. Tabulate the answers and during the meeting read the list before revealing the contents of the box.

Publicity

Search your magazines for a picture of a man pointing his finger. Then find a picture of a man that would be facing that finger if they appeared together. Paste these pictures on the poster and underneath them write these words, "THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS." Search again for another picture showing a group of young people attending a meeting or sitting in a conference. Paste this on the poster and print underneath, "COME TO CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TONIGHT." State the time and place and leader.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Piano Prelude
Hymn: *Now I Belong to Jesus*
Repeating Memory Verses
Prayer by Members
Special Number
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *More Like the Master*
Leader's Talk
Speakers 1, 2, and 3
The Aim and Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Hymn: *That Beautiful Name*
Benediction and Friendship Circle

Preparation for the Leader

This is our second lesson in the unit of four topics on "Habits That Hinder."

A great man once told his servant, "Go to the market and get me something good." The servant returned with a tongue. On another occasion the master told his servant "Now get me something bad." And the servant brought another tongue. "Why a tongue each time?" asked the master. "Because a tongue may be the source of either good or evil. If it is good, there is nothing better. If it is bad, there is nothing worse."

Here are some touches from the Book in regards to the tongue. "The tongue can no man tame." "He who keepeth his tongue keepeth his soul." "Death and life in power of the tongue." "Wholesome tongue is a tree of life."

There is a fable in one of the Odes of Horace about how Truth and Falsehood went

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. In your own words, why do you think God was so interested and so insistent that His people tell the truth?

2. What should we do when one approaches and says, "Confidentially, have you heard?" What do we generally do?

3. Why is truth so essential to human welfare?

4. What can we do as members of Christian Endeavor to stop gossiping tongues? How do we proceed?

5. What is the end of the habitual liar? How do you think the constant liar must feel about himself?

swimming together. Falsehood stole Truth's clothing and Truth preferred to go naked rather than appear in the garments of Falsehood. We must thank Horace and his translators for the phrase, "Naked truth."

The Chinese have a saying that an unlucky word dropped from the tongue cannot be brought back again by a coach and six horses. Hear the words of Pythagoras, "A wound from a tongue is worse than a wound from a sword; for the latter affects only the body, the former the spirit." The Japanese have a rare saying, "The tongue is but three inches long, yet it can kill a man six feet high."

This topic deals with gossip. Gossip has been well defined as putting two and two together and making it five. It was Pascal who said, "I hold it to be a fact, that if all persons knew what each said of the others, there would not be four friends in the world." You may have heard the story of the man who inquired what the gossiping circle was doing. The reply was, "Swapping lies."

Each person is a distinct personality. We haven't the right to infringe upon the good name and good character of another, particularly not by careless talk. Most despicable of all our human failings are the sins of lying, untruthfulness and insincerity in speech and in life.

1. *God desires that we speak the truth.* The Psalmist said, "I have chosen the way of truth." Solomon said, "Buy the truth and sell it not." Zechariah, the prophet, wrote, "Speak every man truth to his neighbor." John said of Jesus, "Full of grace and truth." Jesus said of Himself, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Paul said,

Bible Passages

M., Aug. 4. Gossip and Idleness. I Timothy 5:13.
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"The fruit of the Spirit is in all truth," James said, "Lie not against the truth." A of this adds up to God's desire for all of us. He wants us to tell the truth. If you can tell the truth about someone it's a pretty good plan not to say anything. When you feel inclined to say something about someone and you have not thoroughly investigated all the facts, say to yourself before you speak, "Will this stand up in court?"

2. *There is a horrible end for the habitual liar.* Hear what John has to say, "But the fearful, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

3. *What does the Bible say about a liar?* Let us be convinced that God despises lying. He hates it. Get alone somewhere and read Proverbs 6:16-19. There you have lying, busy-bodying, talebearing, and meddling dominating the list of the things God hates. Here lying is placed even before murder and is repeated before the writer gets to the end of his list. Sham, pretense, make-believe, hypocrisy, lying—all belong in the same list, and lying heads them all.

Christian Endeavorers believe in the God of all grace and truth. Wherever this lesson is under consideration each Endeavorer ought to pledge within his own heart that from this point onward no rumor heard will be repeated and no injury will be done by telling a falsehood. God delights when we tell and live the truth.

First Speaker

"You may close a man's ears, but truth will still speak to him," John Milton said, "Truth is as impossible to be soiled by an outward touch as the sunbeam."

Second Speaker

"It is twice as hard to crush a half-truth as a whole lie. Beware of a half-truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half."

Third Speaker

"Truth is not exciting enough to those who depend on the characters and lives of the neighbors for all their amusement"—Bancroft.

Our Aim

To refrain our tongue from speaking evil of anyone.

Life Problem

George had been in good company most of his life. There were times when he told little white lies. There came a time when he was really on the spot. If he told a lie he could get by. He told the lie. It backfired and got him into lots of trouble, which hurt his reputation. Do you think his little white lies contributed to his greater lie? Do you think there is ever a time when a white lie is justified? How do we go about helping George?

Confidentially—Have You Heard?

No. 2 in a Series: "Habits That Hinder"

James 3:5-12; Exodus 20:16



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

AUGUST 10

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb

Leader's Introduction

(Mention the fact that this topic "Confidentially—Have You Heard?" is the second in the series on "Habits That Hinder" by a Christian from growing "unto the measure of the fullness of the stature of Christ." Give short resume of last week's discussion.)

Now for tonight's topic. It is so easy to repeat hearsay to another person and to blare upon the truth, so the temptation to gossip is a very real one to all of us. Our Scripture lesson tonight should help us to realize just how serious this common happening is. (Read James 3:1-12, and ask the group to repeat the Commandment which has to do with our lesson, Exodus 20:16.)

Publicity

Ask three boys or girls to help you make the announcement in the Junior High department in the Bible school. All four stand in front of room. First person says, "Confidentially, have you heard?" and whispers something to second. Second whispers to third, and third to last, who shouts and says, "He said there was not going to be any Christian Endeavor meeting tonight." First person then says, "You listened to whispering, and got it all wrong. I said that there *will* be a meeting tonight, and that the topic will be, 'Confidentially, Have You Heard?' (Add anything else of interest about the meeting)."

Suggested Outline

As the boys and girls arrive gather informally around the piano and sing a few choruses. Be seated at time announced for meeting to begin, and ask group to be quiet during

Prelude: *Take Time to be Holy*

Call to Worship: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

Hymn: *I Need Jesus*

Leader's Introduction and

Scripture: James 3:1-12 and Exodus 20:16

Prayer: Words of *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

read in concert, prayerfully

Talks

Discussion of Questions

Poems

Closing Hymns: *Living for Jesus*

Sentence Prayers

Benediction: Psalm 19:14, followed by the Mizpah

Lesson Material

Over fifty years ago some angry strikers in southern Ohio set fire to a coal mine. It has burned ever since. Consuming twelve million tons of coal, burning its

OUR PURPOSE

To help intermediates realize what a serious fault gossiping is, and to determine to overcome it.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What relationship has gossip to idleness? (Read I Timothy 5:13.)
2. How are we judging others when we gossip about them? (Read James 4:11,12 and Matthew 7:1.)
3. What is James' definition of vain religion? (Read James 1:26.)
4. How would the prayer found in Psalm 19:14, if truly prayed by Christian people, change present world conditions?
5. How does keeping the Quiet Hour each morning help us in overcoming the temptation to talk about others?

way underground, the fire in spots has broken through to the surface, burned buildings, ravaged forests, ruined roads, and caused deaths. The Government has spent thousands of dollars to put out this fire begun in anger, but all efforts have failed.

It is the same way with words that are spoken thoughtlessly and needlessly about another. It is impossible to undo the damage that is done.

Before we can learn to control our tongues, we must learn to control our thoughts. Paul tells us how we may learn to do this. Study Ephesians 4:31,32 and Philip- pians 4:8.

J. L. Hurlburt once said, "A locomotive, with its thundering train, comes like a whirlwind down the track, and a regiment of soldiers might seek to stop it in vain. It would crush them and plunge heedlessly on. But, there is a little lever in the locomotive which, at the pressure of a man's hand, will slacken its speed and in a moment or two bring it, panting and still, like a whipped dog at your feet." How important is it that the engineer know how to control the lever? Did he learn without training? What training do we need in controlling our tongues?

Many years ago a minister and his congregation were annoyed by a woman who had the vicious habit of carrying tales as she visited among members of the congregation. The minister, wishing to help the good woman see the folly of her way, called her to his study one day and after talking with her about the trouble she was causing, handed her a bouquet of roses which had been on his desk for sev-

eral days, and asked her to step to the window and throw them out. As she did so the petals immediately blew in all directions. The minister then asked the woman to go out and pick up all of the petals. When she remonstrated, saying that he was asking her to do the impossible, the minister replied by saying that it was also impossible to undo all of the harm which had been done by her evil tongue.

WORDS

A careless word may kindle strife;
A cruel word may wreck a life.
A bitter word may hate instill;
A brutal word may smite and kill.
A gracious word may smooth the way;
A joyous word may light the day.
A timely word may lessen stress;
A loving word may heal and bless.

—The Plea

The Shady Dozen

(Twelve phrases to avoid)

"I heard . . ."
"They say . . ."
"Everybody knows that . . ."
"Isn't it awful . . ."
"Of course I don't believe this, but . . ."
"Don't say I told you, but . . ."
"I think it's perfectly terrible . . ."
"Just between you and me . . ."
"This is probably a rumor, but . . ."
"Don't breathe it to a soul . . ."
"You can take it for what it's worth . . ."
"This couldn't possibly be true, but . . ."

YOUR WHISPERED SECRET

You told it to your friend; his oath was deep;
Now, here's a question for your wisdom
shelf;
Why did you hope some other one would
keep
The secret that you could not keep yourself?

If I am tempted to reveal
A tale someone to me has told
About another, let it pass
Before I speak, three gates of gold.

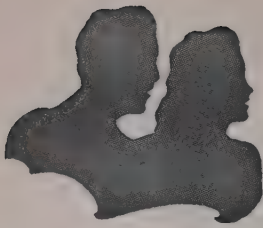
Three narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In my mind
Give truthful answer, and the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"

And if, to reach my lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then I may tell the tale, nor fear
What the results of speech may be.
Amos R. Wells

Boys, flying kites, may haul to earth again
their white-winged birds,
But you can't do that when you're fly-
ing words!

Bible Portions

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I Can Quit Any Time

No. 3 in a Series: "Habits That Hinder"

Luke 16:13-15; Matthew 15:18; I John 3:7,8

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

AUGUST

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

Consideration for the Leader

Most leaders will be familiar with this topic. We know something about habits which we thought would be simple to break, but after a few months we discovered ourselves under a strange power of control. We then realized that we could not quit as easily as we had anticipated. We saw that we needed help from a power outside of ourselves. We found deliverance only in Jesus Christ.

Talk to three adults about this topic. Plan a strong publicity program. Perhaps you can arrange with someone to give an interesting testimony on the grace of God in deliverance. Give out your assignments on this topic early in the week. This is a deep, searching topic and could bring great hope to many.

Publicity

Make a poster showing a person with his hands and feet tightly bound. Twine or cord may be used on the poster for this purpose. Underneath write, "THIS MAN THOUGHT HE COULD QUIT ANY TIME."

Mail out letters dealing with this topic and enclose or paste to the letter a piece of twine. This will give the idea of being tied up to habits that are harmful. Make it clear in the letter.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *There's a New Day Dawning*
Suitable Poem (read to music)
Scripture Lesson: Luke 16:13-15
Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Leader's Talk
Speakers 1, 2, and 3
Our Aim and Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

This is the third topic in the unit of study, "Habits That Hinder."

Somewhere along the way we have heard our friends repeat these words, "I can quit any time." Perhaps our concern became very great as we saw them travelling in the wrong lane and we strongly felt they were in the realm of danger and ruin. We spoke to them about their activity and the reply came, "Don't worry about me, I can quit any time."

A wise old man was taking a stroll through a forest with a shiftless youth by his side. The man suddenly stopped and pointed to four plants. The first was a tiny sprout. The second had rooted itself quite firmly. The third was a small shrub. The fourth had grown into a well-developed tree.

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Name some habits which are most beneficial for all who do them.

2. Name some habits which could truly ruin and enslave us if they are not cut off immediately.

3. Discuss this statement: "It is hard to correct a child for a habit that his father taught him." Is it true or false? How should we proceed to correct this child?

4. If God's power is sufficiently able to break the power of any seemingly harmful habit, why is it that so many of us continue in the habit?

5. Would you consider it difficult to give up or to cut away from something you like to do? Does this indicate that we do not want God's way of escape?

The old man said, "Pull up this first plant." The youth proceeded and pulled it up with his fingers.

"Now pull the second," said the man. The youth obeyed, and with slight effort the plant came up, roots and all.

"And now the third," continued the wise man. The boy pulled with one hand, then the other, but it would not come. Then he took both hands and the plant yielded to all his strength.

"And now," said the man, "try the fourth." The youth grasped the trunk with all his might, but hardly a leaf shook. "I cannot move it," he exclaimed.

"Just so, my son, with our bad habits. When they are young and small we can cast them out; but when they are full grown, they cannot be uprooted," concluded the old man.

We are His disciples. There are certain conditions given in God's Word regarding discipleship, and one of them is found in Matthew 16:24. Here we have the call of self-denial, for Jesus taught, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." The Lord never said it would be an easy life. To the contrary, He warned that to follow Him meant denying self and bearing a cross.

One who knows the power of evil knows also how difficult it is to break a habit. The social drinker never thinks he will be an alcoholic, for he can quit any time. The penny gambler thought it was mere fun until he found himself in the clutch of big gambling. Some people have a bad habit

of staying in bed on Sunday mornings, a missing church and Sunday school. They say they can quit any time, but some of standing by are watching them as they struggle. That habit must be broken before it breaks the individual.

We are to abstain from all appearance of evil. We are to have nothing to do with sin. We are to stay as far away from it as possible. We are strangers and pilgrims travelling toward the heavenly land, and we must not compromise with the things of this world. As Christians we are in the world, but not of it.

Samuel Johnson said a wise thing, "The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken." At the beginning we make our own habit, but in the end our habits make us. A magazine sometime ago carried these words: "Habit is like a soft bed, easy to get into but hard to get out of."

American morals are rapidly becoming pagan. The moral standards of the Christian faith are being discarded as Puritanical and narrow. We have embarked upon a national spree in the field of morals. We need leadership whose life and words will be a testimony to the moral standards of the Christian faith.

We should put off all manner of filthiness. Often we continue in things which we say are not harmful and yet we know they are not proper. Now is the time to quit before they enslave us and ruin our Christian life and witness.

First Speaker

The Lord is able to keep us from evil. We know that the devil is mighty, but our God is *Almighty* and there is nothing too hard for Him. We are living every hour under the protecting hand of God.

Second Speaker

Tyron Edwards said, "Any act often repeated soon forms a habit; and habit allowed steadily grows in strength. At first it may be but as the spider's web, easily broken through; but if not resisted it soon binds us with chains of steel."

Third Speaker

Habit if not resisted soon becomes a necessity. Then you must do it and when you must do it, you have become a slave to it.

Our Aim

To live each day under the control of the Holy Spirit so that our witness for Christ will not be questioned.

Life Problem

Timothy Jones said he was not a born gambler; therefore, he could walk away from the gambling tables without much effort. But after much gambling he discovered the grip was very tight and he found it difficult to walk away from the tables. How can we help him? Is it too late now to break this habit?

For the Quiet Hour

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| M., Aug. 11. | A Call to Decision. | I Kings 18:20-21. |
| T., Aug. 12. | Indecision Is Passed On. | II Kings 17:38-41. |
| W., Aug. 13. | Instability. | James 1:7-8. |
| T., Aug. 14. | Indecision Punished. | Hosea 10:2-4. |
| F., Aug. 15. | Work Uncompleted. | II Chronicles 20:31-37. |
| S., Aug. 16. | Sin Enslaves. | Romans 6:11-16. |
| Sun., Aug. 17. | Topic—I Can Quit Any Time. | Luke 16:13-15; Matthew 15:18; I John 3:7,8. |

I Can Quit Any Time

No. 3 in a Series: "Habits That Hinder"

Daniel 1:8-16; I John 3:7,8



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

AUGUST 17

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb

Planning the Meeting

This is the last topic in the series on "Habits That Hinder." Ask the leaders of the last two meetings to give brief summaries of the findings of these discussions. Assign the Scripture Lesson in advance to someone who will study it carefully.

Assemble all materials for chalk talk, read demonstration, and paper and pencils for use at close of meeting before the meeting. Much of the success of this meeting will depend upon the attitude of the leader. It can be just another meeting, or it can accomplish much for the Kingdom; make careful, prayerful preparation. Be sure to have your pre-prayer circle a few minutes before the meeting that together you may "renew your strength" and go to the meeting with the assurance of God's help.

Suggested Program Outline

Prelude: *I Need Jesus*

Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us*

Silent Prayer (as pianist repeats hymn softly)

Scripture: Daniel 1:8-17a; I John 3:7,8.

Presentation of Topic

Demonstrations

Limerick Contest

Questions

Closing Moments

For three Sundays we've considered habits which hinder our Christian growth and our influence for Christ. When young people make the statements "Everybody else does it," "I'm as good as so-and-so," and "I can quit when I want to," we are accepting lower standards than we should as Christians. Our goal should be to be like Christ.

The most effective way to overcome a bad habit is to be establish a good one in its place. Christian Endeavor gives us many opportunities to establish such habits.

(Furnish pencils and two pieces of paper for each one present. On one, each may list a habit or habits which he knows are hindering his growth as a Christian. This one may be torn up and thrown into wastebasket as group leaves the room. On second paper, ask each one to list a good habit which, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," he is determined to establish in his life. This paper may be kept.)

Closing Hymn: *Stand Up for Jesus* (v.3)

Silent Prayer and Benediction

Scripture Lesson

Daniel 1:8-17a. Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat nor with the wine which he drank. Everyone else was feasting and drinking except the four Hebrew boys. They were away from home; they were being entertained by the king. It was customary for those at the king's table to eat and drink their fill, but Daniel listened

QUESTIONS

1. How can we let the good things be the enemy of the best things in our lives?

2. Why is "when in doubt—don't" a good rule to follow?

3. How does the way we make smaller decisions each day affect larger goals in our lives?

4. Athletes must be careful not to "break training." Why must a Christian be just as careful?

5. How did Jesus face temptation?

to the voice of God, and God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom. God never lets us down when we are true to Him.

I John 3:7,8. False promises like "You can quit when you want to" are some of Satan's most powerful weapons. Satan is the father of lies, and sinneth from the beginning. There is no middle ground; we serve God or Satan.

If you can secure a copy of Phillips' translation of the New Testament called "Letters to Young Churches," read Romans 12:1,2 and Hebrews 12:1,2 carefully.

Lesson Material

The Japanese have a proverb which says, "First the man takes a drink, next the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes the man." The friends and distributors of beverage alcohol know this to be a scientific fact. The liquor people themselves advise that their product be taken in "moderation." They know that the habit-forming power of alcohol, even when taken in moderation, will make steady consumers for them. People are induced to begin to drink by the preaching of "moderation"—"a little bit won't hurt you." No one was ever induced to drink by a reeling drunk or by a man in the gutter!

A group of young people were on an "inspection" tour of the alcoholic ward of the city hospital in a large city. "Say, do you have to lock 'em up?" asked one of the boys as he noticed the nurse get out the keys. The nurse stared at him and answered, "Of course. Don't you know that when you get too much alcohol, you're crazy?"

The young people saw things which haunted them for days — men in strait

jackets, strapped to their beds, groaning and shrieking; men staring with blank eyes at the ceiling; men who could no longer be allowed the freedom of the streets because they had surrendered their bodies and souls to alcohol. They had been brutally deceived by the nice-sounding promises of Old Man Alcohol.

A sample study was made recently of one thousand men who were or had been inveterate smokers—to find out *why* they were unable to stop smoking. Of this group 145 had stopped; nearly half had stopped at one time or another, but had been unable to give up the habit permanently; many gave up all hope of being able to stop, and 28 per cent still *wanted* to stop, but could not. Some of the reasons given were: "I haven't the necessary will-power"; "I'm too weak"; "I stopped once, but I cannot any more"; "I cannot do without them"; and "Why can't I, that's what I want to know?"

The gambling habit grows like the liquor or cigarette habit. It is harder to break than smoking or drinking, once it gets a hold on one. One doctor says, "The thing that makes gambling rank low on the list of vices is that the passion to win something for nothing becomes no less gripping than that of morphine. When a man once gets the gambling fever, he stops at nothing. He wins, gambles again, loses, borrows, loses, mortgages his home, loses it, and is often driven to crime as a result."

Demonstrations

1. Print the word H A B I T in large letters on chalkboard, or use paper and crayon if you do not have a chalkboard. Erase, or draw a line through the H, showing that there is still A B I T left. Then erase A and B I T is still left. Erase the B and we still have I T. Habits are hard to break; we *can't* always quit when we want to!

2. Prepare several pieces of thread of equal length. Ask someone to help you by showing how easy it is to break one thread alone, two threads, or even three, but that it becomes increasingly difficult as more threads are added. Habits are hard to break; we *can't* always quit when we want to!

Limerick Contest—

"I Can Quit When I Want To"

Complete given limericks, or make up originals.

"There once was a popular lad
Whose habits were all very bad.

He said, "I'm so strong
They can do me no wrong,
But _____."

"There was a young lady named Sue
Whose bad habits were not just a few;
When her mother would scold her
She'd say, "When I'm older
I'll _____."

Daily Devotional Readings

M., Aug. 11. A Call to Decision. I Kings 18:20,21.

T., Aug. 12. Indecision Is Passed On. II Kings 17:38-41.

W., Aug. 13. Instability. James 1:7,8.

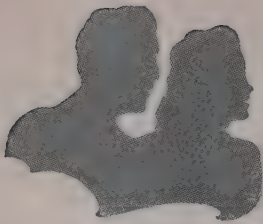
T., Aug. 14. Indecision Punished. Hosea 10:2-4.

F., Aug. 15. Work Uncompleted. II Chronicles 20:31-37.

S., Aug. 16. Sin Enslaves. Romans 6:11-16.

Sun., Aug. 17 Topic—I Can Quit Any Time.

Daniel 1:8-16; I John 3:7,8.



I'll Do It Tomorrow

No. 4 in a Series: "Habits That Hinder"

James 4:13-17; Proverbs 6:6-11

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

AUGUST

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart

Consideration for the Leader

Take another look at this topic. Here is familiar territory. We know what it means to put it off until tomorrow. The best way to have a dull, dry and uninteresting meeting is to put off major planning.

Do your thinking today. Carry out your plans today. Try to complete the preparation of your program today. Contact those who will be assigned parts and make those contacts today.

Do your best as the leader of this meeting. Put into it all that you have and you will be richly rewarded. Remember this topic as you make your preparation. Don't stop until the job is completed.

Publicity

Mail out cards indicating time and place of meeting. In large print write these words: "PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. TOMORROW'S PLANNING MAY BE TOO LATE." Have small cards with "TOMORROW" on them placed at prominent places within the church, noting the time of meeting.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Silent Meditation
Chorus: *Spirit of the Living God* (read in unison)
Hymn: *Shine in the Soul*
Prayers
Scripture: Proverbs 6:6-11; James 4:13-17
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Leader's Talk
Speakers 1, 2, and 3
Our Aim and Life Problem
Discussion and Questions
Hymn: *Trusting Jesus*
Benediction

Preparation for the Leader

This is the final topic in the unit, "Habits That Hinder."

All of us ought to be well versed on this subject and to talk very freely, for most of us have real experience in "doing it tomorrow." Many a soul winner lost an opportunity to draw in the net because he waited until tomorrow. Many a salesman lost the deal and his commission because he felt tomorrow might be a better time to get the order. Too many Christian people missed the point of victory by postponing the decision to yield fully to the Holy Spirit for complete victory. They felt that tomorrow might present easier terms for surrender. But tomorrow so often never comes!

Life is too short to allow the habit of putting everything off until a later date. In these days there is much to be done in the work of the Lord and we should be about our Father's business, making use of valuable time. Given to procrastination, we often put things off until it is too late and then find that we can't complete the task we have undertaken.

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

1. Do you believe that the work of the church is retarded and many goals unrealized because we feel the best time to do it would be tomorrow? Can you cite any examples?

2. Discuss Aaron Burr's statement, "Never do today what you can put off till tomorrow. Delay may give clearer light as to what is best to be done."

3. Who was the king who frequently said, "Tomorrow" (Exodus 8:10)? Did his tomorrow ever come (Exodus 8:15)?

4. Should our concern deepen for those who reject Jesus Christ, because we know there is danger in delay?

5. Are we guilty of saying, "I'll do it tomorrow?" Cite some examples.

It was Paul, the apostle, who said, "I have finished my course." The slacker never finishes his course because he is always going to do it tomorrow.

Let's do a little simple reasoning. One is asked to serve on a committee in Christian Endeavor but he answers, "I'll let you know tomorrow." Generally speaking most people could give the decision "Yes" or "No" right on the spot. The very fact that we throw tomorrow into the picture is sufficient evidence that we plan to dodge responsibility. This may not always be true, but in the majority of cases it is the real reason.

How many times people have been asked to take office in the Christian Endeavor society, but they got out of it by constantly referring to tomorrow, "Let me think about it and I'll let you know tomorrow." When asked we can usually give the answer immediately, unless the office in question will make great demands upon our time and we are already carrying great responsibility.

Busy people when approached to take extra responsibility as a rule say, "Well, I'll try my best." They are challenged by the task. They feel they can make a contribution to the work. Don't wait until tomorrow when you know you could give the answer today.

The Spanish have a thought-provoking proverb, "When a fool has made up his mind the market has gone by." Franklin said, "Never put off until tomorrow that which you can do today." Tomorrow is the day when idlers work, and fools reform, and mortal men lay hold of heaven.

Do you recall the New Testament character to whom Paul preached and presented

the claims of Christ? He said to Paul, will hear you at a more convenient season. But as far as we know the convenient season never came.

There are many people who sinned away the day of their salvation because they decided to give this eternal matter "tomorrow" consideration. How often we are reminded, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day bringeth forth." "Behold, today is the day of salvation."

There are times when we ought to think of the words of Colton, "Tomorrow! It is a period nowhere to be found in all the hoary registers of time unless, perchance, in the fool's calendar. Wisdom disclaims the word nor holds society with those who own it."

If it is really important it can't wait until tomorrow. It ought to be done today. Do it today, for in the midst of tomorrow's duties it could be overlooked.

First Speaker

Someone has said, "To be always intending to live a new life, but never to find time to set about it; this is as if a man should put off eating and drinking and sleeping from one day and night to another, till he is starved and destroyed."

Second Speaker

The trouble with Father Time is he doesn't make any round trips. Time marches on. It's unwise to allow tomorrow to use up so much of today.

Third Speaker

We say, so often, that time is valuable. But we do not always treat it that way. We have overworked tomorrow.

Our Aim

If it is important we should determine by the grace of God to do it today.

Life Problem

Jacob Hardy was a young man blessed with many abilities. But in his business he never gave himself to Jesus Christ. He said he would wait until middle age, then he would be more matured. Is his decision right or wrong? If wrong, is there anything right about it?

Poem

We are so young! If we should choose today to loiter on the Self-Road for a while What would it matter? Could we hope to cure

The old ills of the world?

We, who are young?

This is our playtime, these our days of mirth!

(If Thou, O Christ, wouldst turn away thine eyes!)

We are so young! We have a right to play! And yet—above our willful murmuring Thy voice, O Christ, sounds ever sweet and clear,

"I, too, was young!

Ah, if you will not give

Your youth to Me—then I have come again Unto My own—and they receive Me not."

—Author Unknown

From God's Book

M., Aug. 18.	Felix Delays.	Acts 24:24,25.
T., Aug. 19.	The Foolish Virgins.	Matthew 25:11,12.
W., Aug. 20.	Esau Repents Too Late.	Hebrews 12:16,17.
T., Aug. 21.	Opportunity Passed.	Jeremiah 8:19,20.
F., Aug. 22.	The Door Will Be Closed.	Luke 13:24-27.
S., Aug. 23.	Saul Repents Too Late.	I Samuel 15:24-26.
Sun., Aug. 24.	Topic—I'll Do It Tomorrow.	James 4:13-17; Proverbs 6:6-11.

God's Oasis

Revelation 22:16,17



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

AUGUST 24

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper*

Student Appeal

The Christian Endeavor sponsor will need a strong appeal for this hot weather. The very nature of this topic will give that appeal. Christ and the Church will meet the needs of the Intermediates at any season of the year. It is in Christ that we find rest from the cares of this life.

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Musical Prelude: *Jesus Calls Us*
Invocation

Hymn: *To the Heart of God*

Scripture: Revelation 22:16,17

Offertory Prayer

Offering

Hymn: *The Beautiful Garden of Prayer*

Discussion of Topic

Hymn: *Jesus Never Fails*

Mizpah Benediction

Object Lesson

A picture of a "desert oasis" will serve for an object lesson. The leader should be prepared to give a discussion of desert travel and the benefit of such an oasis. The conclusion of this discussion should lead naturally to the topic discussions.

A Necessary Element

Water is a necessary element in this earthly life. Without it man suffers and dies. To the desert traveler an "oasis" will be the sign of new life and hope. Longing eyes search for the greenery which denotes the presence of this life-giving substance.

Christ: The Water of Life

As an oasis meets the need of the desert traveler, Christ meets the need of the earthly traveler. He gives the water of life. Without Him man suffers and dies spiritually.

As many things are advertised to quench the thirst of man, many things are also offered to give man peace and happiness while he is on this life's journey. As the substitutes for quenching thirst are insufficient, so also are the substitutes for happiness of little value to the Christ-hungry soul.

A Refreshing Experience

Christ can be a refreshing experience to those who suffer in this life. This refreshment starts with Confession of Christ as Lord and Saviour. The experience can be enlarged upon through Christian service. Man can go still further by showing loyalty to the Church which is the body of Christ. In doing this the experience becomes even more meaningful when man has fellowship with Christ's people.

Life and Problems

The youth of our nations must face life and the problems which are involved

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A POEM

In the still ear, the music lies unheard.
In the rough marble, beauty lies unseen.
To wake the music and the beauty needs
The Master touch, the sculptor's chisel keen.

Great Master, touch us with thy skillful hand.
Let not the music that is in us die.
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us nor let
Hidden and lost that form within us die.

Spare not the stroke. Do with us as thou wilt.
Let there be naught unfinished, broken, marred.
Complete thy purpose that we may become
Thy perfect image, O our Lord and God.

—Source Unknown

In our complicated society. In order to solve these problems we must invest our life for Christ. Many spend their lives instead of investing them. When this is done Christ and the Church is made to suffer, as well as the individuals involved.

Problems may be of three kinds. There is the individual problem. This deals with sin and salvation. There is the social problem. This can be answered only by recognizing Christ as the truth which cannot be bypassed. Third, there is the problem of the welfare of all mankind. It has been said, and rightfully so, that we are our brother's keeper. Not only must we find God's oasis but we must be able to lead others to the source of life.

Facing the Challenge

A thirsty individual has little will to work. His steps drag and finally falter. He reaches a point void of hope. Despair overcomes him and he drops by the wayside. So also is the individual who does not drink of the Water of Life. To be of service to Christ the individual must be fresh and filled with the determination which comes from close association with the Master of men.

The demands of our modern society are great. Youth need all the strength they can find. Temptation is a part of everyday living. To face the temptation and be an overcomer youth must be continuously refreshed.

It is not enough that we should drink and be filled. In a hot, arid climate man must drink frequently. The same is true in Christian service. We must go again and again to the fountain which gives the water of life.



Scripture References



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T., Aug. 19. The Eternal Spring. John 4:13-15.
W., Aug. 20. Jesus Quenches Thirst. John 7:37,38.
T., Aug. 21. A Well in the Wilderness. Genesis 21:14-22.
F., Aug. 22. The Waters of Marah and Elim. Exodus 15:22-27.
S., Aug. 23. Water from the Rock. Exodus 17:1-6.
Sun., Aug. 24. Topic—God's Oasis. Revelation 22:16,17.

Water, Water, Everywhere

It is true that the world offers many substitutes for water. It is also true that many things are offered as a substitute for Christianity. These things, like the substitutes for water, will give only temporary relief. To be truly relieved of the thirst for Christ we must drink at the Christian fountain. We must live in God's oasis. To turn to the desert waste, where life drains from the body, is to invite suffering and death.

Touching the Teens

Thirst is not a thing which comes only to the adult. Even the smallest of infants must have water to meet physical needs. Youth consumes water at about the same rate as adults. The same must be said of spiritual water.

We cannot wait until we reach the prime of life to receive this life-giving substance. The time to drink at the fountain of life is when thirst is upon us. To wait is to endanger our spiritual welfare. Confess Christ today, and give a life of service to His Church. Enjoy the happiness which comes from a thirst truly quenched by the Water of Life.

Quotations

"How often do we look upon God as our last and feeblest resource! We go to Him because we have nowhere else to go. And then we learn that the storms of life have driven us, not on the rocks, but unto the desired haven."—George Macdonald.

"Be much with God if you would be much like God."—Selected.

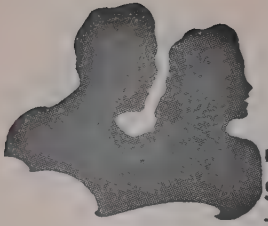
"Each day is a branch of the tree of life, laden heavily with fruit. If we lie down lazily beneath it, we may starve; but if we shake the branches, some of the fruit may fall for us."—Longfellow.

Attention Sponsors and Leaders

Have you heard the reports of the summer meetings which your Christian Endeavorers attended? Why not make plans for a complete discussion of these inspirational meetings. This will create an interest in plans for the 1959 summer's work.

Have you planned next year's program for the Christian Endeavor Society? Set your goals, plan your budget, and train your leaders for the greatest work on earth. Decide in the very near future what special training classes will be needed. Secure your materials from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Are plans being made for some members of your Society to attend the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention? Mark July 6-11, 1959, on your calendar. Make it a date to which all will look forward. Plan to send Christian Endeavorers to Philadelphia; they will reap rewards which will be of benefit to your entire society.



Learning Never Ends

Proverbs 2:1-7; Proverbs 3:13-23; I Corinthians 3:18,19

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

AUGUST

Comments by Dr. Samuel S. Haas*

Learning Is Never-Ending

God has given us minds in order that we may use them to pursue truth and to distinguish between right and wrong, and so to grow into the full stature of a child of His as He intended. It is a never-ending adventure because the more we come to know the more we realize how much there is still to know.

Likewise, the finer lives we live because of increased knowledge the more we realize how much better we can be than we are.

The Learning Process

Much can be discovered about the learning process by reading carefully Proverbs 2:1-8 (RSV).

Be sure to note carefully the verbs: cry out, raise your voice, seek, receive, and treasure up. All of them are positive, active words demanding effort on our part. Just wishing for knowledge or hoping some day to be wise is not enough.

The learning process begins with a yearning for knowledge. It begins with a desire for insight into truth akin to the desire for nourishment. Such a desire begets action in order to obtain it, action that will overcome every obstacle. Then, it will receive what the effort has uncovered even though it may challenge and replace what was formerly held to be true. Finally, it will put this new-found knowledge to use in personal living.

Thus, the process of learning passes through these stages: craving, striving, accepting, and using.

Putting It to Work

Since all truth comes from God and all truth points to God, our textbook should be the Bible. "For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6, RSV). That wisdom and truth He has stored up for us in His Holy Word. If our desire to learn is deep and sincere, we can satisfy it by applying ourselves to the study of the Bible.

To study the Bible means more than just reading it. It requires a plan of study and use of adequate resource materials. A good book to read for the purpose of developing a helpful plan of Bible study is: *How to Read the Bible*, Love, Julian Price. Some valuable helps are: commentaries, *The Torch Bible Commentaries*, SCM Press, London; a Bible dictionary, *The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible*, Davis revised by Gehman, Westminster Press, Philadelphia.

Along with study of God's word is the need of prayer. One can learn from the lips of the wise as well as from the pages of a book. Where the Bible is concerned

QUESTIONS

1. From the passages of Scripture studied what are the fruits of gaining wisdom through learning?

2. Why are our scientists so anxious to put satellites in space?

3. Many of the teachings of Scripture seem ridiculous on the surface and impossible to accept. Before we dismiss them as impractical what ought we to do? Why?

4. Because a professional man has received his degree and is now engaged in his work does that mean that his studies are over? Ask a doctor, a lawyer, a minister, a teacher about this and, if possible, have such a person present to tell the group what is required of such a person.

every study of it needs to begin, continue, and end in prayer. When it is remembered that prayer is no one-way telephone conversation, that it is as much listening as talking to God, then the value of it as a means of learning truth from the lips of the All-wise becomes more evident.

Last, but not least, learning comes from doing. In the final analysis, what one gains from study is best proved by putting it into practice. If it is true, it will work. That is but another way of saying that action confirms knowledge. How better can such knowledge be put to use than in walking along the new highway it has pointed out, teaching in the Sunday school or taking a more important part in the young people's work of the church. In so doing you will be using most effectively the goodly results of your learning by sharing with others and confirming, refining, and increasing what you have.

Benefits of Learning

Perhaps the last question one could ask is: "What are the benefits that the learning process bestows?" Our answer is found in Proverbs 3:13-18 (RSV). The word that stands first is "happy." In Hebrew the word has the idea of "going forward in a straight way." It is that inner feeling of well-being that comes from knowing that one is on the right road, is advancing toward his goodly objective, and will be helped by God to overcome every obstacle in order to reach his destination. It is the same idea that is contained in the word "blessed" as found in the Beatitudes of the New Testament.

From the Bible

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| M., Aug. 25. | Basic Education. | Deuteronomy 6:4-9. |
| T., Aug. 26. | Jesus As a Teacher. | John 7:14-17. |
| W., Aug. 27. | Was This Man Educated? | Mark 10:17-22. |
| T., Aug. 28. | Teaching of Christ. | Acts 5:42. |
| F., Aug. 29. | The Way of Favor and Understanding. | Proverbs 3:1-7. |
| S., Aug. 30. | More Than Wisdom | Luke 2:52. |
| Sun., Aug. 31. | Topic—Learning Never Ends. | |
- Proverbs 2:1-7; Proverbs 3:13-23; I Corinthians 3:18,19.

Perhaps the best explanation of this is the description of the godly man found in Psalm 1 which begins with the same word. The fruits of learning indeed a treasure "more precious than jewels," a treasure it is no burden to carry, a treasure no thief can steal.

For man in general and the Christian in particular the learning process never ends. The Christian life is an ever-growing life. As Paul, learned as he was, reminds us: "I know in part" (I Corinthians 13:12). Since none of us knows all, that means there is much that we have to learn if we are to grow in knowledge and in favor with God and our fellowman. Having recognized this and taken the first step then will our awareness of the need to learn grow stronger and our efforts to spend more purposefully in this direction. With such a spirit Christ can use us more fully in the work of His Kingdom.

Illustration

After almost forty years as a missionary in the Arabic-speaking countries of the Near East and some ten years as professor of missions at an outstanding theological seminary, Samuel M. Zwemer was required by the institution's regulations to retire at the age of seventy. One could not have censured him had he said that he was desisting of taking his ease after such a busy life of service and study. Instead, he wrote a now famous tract entitled, *Life Begins at Seventy*, and proceeded to prove it with his activity.

Up until his death some thirteen years later Dr. Zwemer edited the respected quarterly journal, *The Moslem World*, carried on an active international correspondence averaging about thirty letters a day; traveled extensively in order to keep a busy schedule of speaking engagements and still managed to write at least one book every two years! Like Rabbi Ben Ezra in Browning's poem of the same name, Dr. Zwemer, because of his devotion to study, could say:

"Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be."

Promoting the Meeting

Out of bright-colored construction paper make old-fashioned hand school bells. Print on each: *This school bell is calling you to attend the Christian Endeavor meeting on (date), (time), and (place). Topic for discussion: "Do I Ever Stop Learning?"* Place these posters on the bulletin board and in your Sunday school rooms.

Send out postcards on which you have drawn or pasted small hand school bells on either side of a country schoolhouse. Write or print an invitation to attend the meeting, stating full particulars.

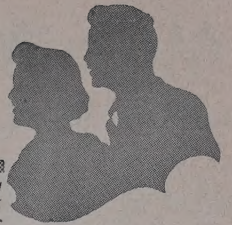
Suggested Hymns and Scripture

Hymns: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past; Break Thou the Bread of Life; Give of Your Best to the Master; Trust and Obey.*
Scripture: Psalm 1, and/or Proverbs 3:13-23.

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God's Golden Fields

I Corinthians 3:6-9



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

AUGUST 31

Comments by Mrs. Mac Senter*

Introduction

God's golden fields can only bring forth the harvest as we plant the good seed (Word of God) in our lives and cultivate the growth of seed by training ourselves in daily Bible reading, prayer, and Christian living. God would have us plant a true Christian testimony, that He might give the increase and we might receive a reward (I Corinthians 3:6-9).

Publicity

Gather pictures of grain ready to be harvested, pictures of men harvesting the fields, and a "help wanted" ad. Use these materials to make a poster, inviting every young person to work in "God's Golden Fields."

Program Suggestions

Call to Worship: I Corinthians 3:6-9.
Hymns: *In the Service of the King*; *Give Your Best to the Master*; *Living for Jesus*.

Announcements: Make small bundles of grain (or use a picture of a sheaf of grain) and insert announcements. Give out as members arrive.

Sowing Seeds in the Springtime

As young people today are living, or sowing seeds, in the springtime of our lives. The kind of seed we sow today, and cultivate tomorrow, will determine the harvest we reap.

The old adage is often repeated, "I am only young once, and I will sow my wild oats while I am young." All too often we do not realize that what we sow and cultivate we will also harvest.

God warns us in His word, "Be not deceived, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

As new-born sons of God, we must desire the sincere milk of the Word (I Peter 2:2).

Both Paul, the apostle, and David, the psalmist, wrote much to encourage the young person in sowing good seed in the springtime, that will reap a golden harvest.

Let us briefly point out a few of them; 1. Study, II Timothy 2:15; 2. Pray, I Thessalonians 5:17; 3. Commit, Psalm 37:5; 4. Trust, Psalm 37:3; 5. Rest, Psalm 37:6; 6. Wait, Psalm 37:34; 7. Delight, Psalm 37:4; 8. Rejoice, I Thessalonians 5:16; 9. Prove, I Thessalonians 5:21; 10. Abstain, I Thessalonians 5:22; 11. Go, Matthew 28:19.

Cultivating the Fields of Devoted Christian Living

Without proper cultivation we cannot grow to be mature in the Lord. Therefore our growth as Christians depends

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AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To see the importance of sowing in the springtime of opportunity.
2. To recognize the need to cultivate the fields of devoted Christian living.
3. To learn the joy of reaping the abundant harvest.

largely on the cultivation of our Christian habits. Good seeds have been planted in our lives and we must cultivate them in the service of Christ, so they might grow to full maturity.

The greatest field of service today begging us to answer the call is a devoted life for Christ.

(A) *Walking above temptation.* In growing up we need strength to meet the wily one; without the proper armor we cannot match his strength. We are truly marching in the greatest army (God's Army) that has ever been or ever will be organized. He has provided our uniform, and to walk above temptation we must put on God's whole armor. (Ephesians 6:12-18).

(B) *Walking steadily.* The habit of walking steadily needs much cultivation. Sometimes we turn aside from our first purpose to serve Christ. Sinful pleasure can ruin our appetite for the things of God. Neglect of our spiritual life can take away our appetite for the righteousness of God, and rob us of walking steadily. To purpose with Him means self-discipline and self-sacrifice. Is your life fully yielded? (Luke 9:57-62.)

(C) *Walking in a surrendered life.* Sometimes we speak of God's spirit being resident, but not president, in our lives. Secret sins can take away our appetite for the righteousness of God. Nothing takes the place of our quiet time, our prayer time, the time we spend reading the Word. All this is absolutely essential for a happy Christian life. Are you walking in a surrendered life? Does Christ have first place in everything? (Romans 12:1,2; Romans 6.)

(D) *Walking before others.* A man, walking down the road, was followed by a pig. A friend called to him and asked him how he got the pig to follow him. The man replied, "It's very simple. Every step I take I drop a bean, and the pig likes beans." As you walk before others, are you dropping "beans" of a devoted Christian life, that other boys and girls are being drawn to Christ? (Romans 1:1-16.)

Meditations

- M., Aug. 25. The Harvest We Sow. Galatians 6:7-9.
T., Aug. 26. The Harvest at Samaria. John 4:30,35-42.
W., Aug. 27. The Harvest of the Kingdom. Mark 4:26-29.
T., Aug. 28. The Field Is the World. Matthew 13:37-43.
F., Aug. 29. Varying Harvests. Luke 8:11-15.
S., Aug. 30. Praise for the Harvest. Psalm 67:5-7.
Sun., Aug. 31. Topic—God's Golden Fields. I Corinthians 3:6-9.

The Joy of Reaping the Abundant Harvest

God has placed before us today "golden fields" that are ripe unto harvest through the efforts of faithful men of God. The joy we will receive reaping the abundant harvest will depend on our faithfulness in answering the call for service.

We can hear many say, "I have no talents; I cannot be of service." All that God needs is for us to be yielded. Who knows better the service we can render than God Himself!

A Great Man of God

Let us consider the life of one great man of God, William Carey. At a very famous ministerial meeting in Nottingham, England, 1786, this young man proposed a topic for discussion, "The duty of Christians to attempt the spread of the Gospel among the heathen."

This missionary idea was decidedly unpopular at the time, and William Carey's suggested topic was like a time bomb thrown into the meeting. Carey was silenced, but he was not convinced the elders' opinion was correct.

Carey was born in 1761. At the age of fourteen he became an apprentice shoe maker; however, it was not God's plan for Carey to be a shoe maker all his life. He became pastor of a small church when he was eighteen years old. He walked six miles each way to his charge, and his salary was less than \$75 a year. Carey, being untrained and possessing little knowledge outside his shoe cobbling, tells us, "I was obliged to draw all from the Word of God."

He married at the age of twenty and returned to his shoe business in order to support his family. He hung over his cobbler's bench a large map of the world on which he wrote all the information he could gather about each country. As he worked he pondered the challenge to evangelize savages and bring them the Gospel. Thus his cobbler's bench became the birthplace of modern missions.

Sunday, May 31, 1792, six years after he had been forced to sit down when mentioning missions, he preached a sermon that provided the inspiration from which the modern missionary movement came. The sermon set forth two great missionary maxims, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

As a result of faithfully trusting God, on October 2, 1792, a dozen ministers resolved to form a missionary society for spreading the Gospel to the heathen world. God thus gave Carey the joy of reaping the abundant harvest, because he was faithful in a devoted Christian life.

Carey's missionary creed was threefold: first, that it is my duty to preach the Gospel to every creature; second, that God has declared that His Word shall accomplish that for which it was sent; and third, that He can as easily remove the present seemingly great obstacles, as we can move small particles of dust.

More Young Adult Topics

Ecumenicity: What and Why?

John 17:20-23.

"Everything that relates to the whole task of the whole Church to bring the Gospel to the whole world" is embraced by the term *ecumenicity*. The Ecumenical Church today is a fellowship of numerous Protestant communions in many lands, (Eastern) Orthodox, Old Catholic, and Anglo-Catholic churches. (Roman Catholics and some Protestant bodies do not participate in the World Council of Churches nor in ecumenical conferences.) This is not a merger of communions but a joining of forces and Christian witness at the points of common agreement. Improved communications around the world help such a movement, but an even more compelling influence following World War II came from areas of distress, in which Christians of all affiliations might, and did, labor together. Denominational periodicals and bulletins will furnish details on your own church's share in ecumenicity. Also secure information, especially related to World Order Sunday (October 19, 1958), from National Council of Churches, Department of International Affairs, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

When Freedom Is in Danger

John 8:31-36

As soon as Russia placed the first of the Sputniks in orbit, American youth were challenged to engage more resultfully in scientific study and preparation. But there are other means of protecting political freedom than the perfecting of weapons of destruction. Do we of the United States and Canada so deal with other peoples and races that they can respect and trust us? Do we count on justice and good will to protect freedom and human rights? Is our "arsenal of defense" complete without spiritual resources, which persons and communities can perfect? In the Christian

By BERT H. DAVIS

Now There Are Fifty-Eight!

With *Young Adults in Christian Endeavor* (\$.75, International Society of Christian Endeavor) includes with other helpful material a section presenting fifty-three topics suited to Young Adult meetings. The outline form of presentation is similar to the material on this page. We are now adding five Young Adult topics to the fifty-three that have been available. The list will be supplemented from time to time in later issues of *THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD*. The frequency with which such suggested topics appear will be influenced by your comments and suggestions. If you would like such material published every few months please tell us so.

sense, our freedom from sin and selfishness is vital. The Way of Christ calls for thoughtful study and alert practice. Is it perhaps spiritual freedom that is most in peril after all?

You Are an Assistant Pastor!

Romans 12:4-8

While the calling of the minister of the Gospel is of a special nature, we laymen are also committed to a ministry. It was so in the Early Church (Acts 2:1-7,17,32) and also in all periods and situations in which the Christian Cause has been fruitful and effective in guiding mankind to God. Look at the duties this concept applies to us volunteers: spiritual and technical preparation to work in and for the church; a stewardship spirit with regard to one's gifts and abilities and use of volunteered time; a witness in works as well as words; responsibility for enlisting and preparing others for similar service. The Protestant fellowship is formed of Christian clergy and lay members worshipping and working together. Each of us invests something of himself, and his best, in the common Christian Cause.

More Than "Fringe Benefits"

I John 1:5-10; 3:12;

Romans 12:2.

A worker's contract may include such important considerations as rate of pay, minimum guaranteed hours, tenure or seniority—plus health and life insurance, pensions, and other so-called "fringe benefits." Shall we question if some churchgoers acquire the "fringes" without the substantial benefits of Christian fellowship, shared Christian service, acceptance of responsibilities in the Christian community, witness and outreach as Christian believers? Our faith is for all of life and should command our use of time, our quiet hours to be shared with God, our comradeship and shared duties in the Christian flock. How do we acquire for ourselves and others a more active Christian commitment? What can our church do to provide more opportunities for more believers to be active in its work?

Plan It, Do It, Learn in the Doing

Hebrews 6:10-12; Luke 14:28-34

The one who plants seeds or grain knows he is engaging on a long and often tedious venture. The couple who begin to build a house for themselves, doing most of the work themselves, require much more than good plans and technical skills; there must be the will to keep going, courage to progress step by step, faith in the ultimate triumph. We must often apply planning, energies, and endurance in working for the Kingdom of God. Pray both for the vision to see and the unflagging will to do. Seek to carry others with you in your Christian tasks; even "two or three" is a blessed number in Christian witness and service (Matthew 18:20). How shall we plan so that we learn something valuable as we engage in church tasks? Do we believe Christ leads us to "greater things" than we have in the past attempted?

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Topics for JULY

July 6. Paul, the Missionary. Acts 13:1-

July 13. Timothy, the Teacher. I Timothy 4:11-1

July 20. John, the Writer. Revelation 1:9-11

July 27. God Made the Stars. Psalm 8:3,4; Genesis 1:14-1

Topics for AUGUST

August 3. God Made the Earth. Genesis 1:1,9-12,24,2

August 10. God Made Man. Genesis 1:26,27;2

August 17. We Worship Out-of-Doors. Psalm 2

August 24. A Clean Mind. Philippians 4:8; Psalm 139:23,24

August 31. A Right Direction. Proverbs 4:11,12; Psalm 119:9-11

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NEWS

from around the world

Mrs. Mabel K. Howard has just returned from a Caribbean Island tour where she met many Christian Endeavorers. In Jamaica, British West Indies, she contacted Rev. Walter Gibbs at Kingston and participated in a Christian Endeavor Rally at East Queen Street Baptist Church with over 200 present. At the rally the officers of the society were installed. The pastor of the church, Rev. A. L. Rhynie, is president. Committee chairmen include prayer meeting, lookout, missionary, social, visiting sick, quiet hour, sport, good citizenship, music and flower. Mrs. Howard reports that there are over 1000 Endeavorers in Jamaica in 115 societies. She met with a group of Intermediate girls who had just formed a new society at North Congregational Church. The Jamaica Union, founded in 1893, is headed by H. D. Brown.

Mrs. Howard reports finding an Intermediate Society active at the United Evangelical Church at Santurce, Puerto Rico. In her visit to Haiti she met Rev. Ormond McConnell of the Irish Methodist Church, a firm believer in Christian Endeavor.

Mrs. Howard with her husband, Rev. Penn Howard, visited Christian Endeavorers in all parts of the world as they made a World Friendship Tour in 1953. The Howards make their home in Alexandria, Virginia.



The judges in the finals of Christian Endeavor's 1958 Citizenship Contest are shown as they met in Columbus, Ohio, to select the top winners. Shown as they talked with Robert C. Ross (right), citizenship director of International Society, the judges are (left to right) Dr. Roy T. Combs, A. Richard Diebold, and Dr. James DeForest Murch. They are looking at the program of the Citizenship Convocation in New York City July 4-6, at which contest winners will be honored.

"What happens when teen-agers drink?" is a question being asked by Allied Youth, Inc., 1709 M Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. The answers will go into their series on "Alcohol and the Adolescent." Send them statistics, opinions, or information that might be helpful.

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Jerald Savin (left) and Gary Fountain were "on the ball" when a large crowd gathered at their church recently for a School of Missions. They set up a table and sold registrations to the Oregon state convention. Members of First Christian Church in Tillamook, these young men are active in Coast Union.

Ralph May made the pages of THE DENVER POST when he gave his evaluation of Easter as part of a special series. He is vice-president of International Society for the Rocky Mountain Region. Mr. May said in his article, "Through the teachings of Jesus Christ the individual gains the key to joyous living . . . even to life itself."

Dr. C. Ritchie Bell, former president of the Canadian Christian Endeavor Union and a trustee of the International Society, will be a guest preacher in Glasgow, Scotland, during the month of July. Dr. Bell makes his home in Montreal, Quebec.

"Are Ye Able?" was the theme of the 69th Middlesex County Convention held at Community Baptist Church in North Medford, Massachusetts, in April. Features of the event were conferences, recreation, alumni reunion, and a fried chicken banquet. Rev. Albert Hutchison brought the evening message.



Rev. Norman Huff, minister of Christian education at University Friends Church in Wichita, is the newly-elected president of Kansas Christian Endeavor Union. He has served as editor of the Kansas Christian Endeavor VOICE. Mr. Huff is a graduate of Cleveland Bible College (Ohio) and Friends University (Kansas).

Several county unions in New Jersey joined together for a Dungaree Conference May 9-10.

Friends of Robert Chapman, former Pennsylvania Union president, will be sorry to learn of the sudden death of his wife Lenore late in April. Mr. Chapman is living at 2949 Farnum Street, Davenport, Iowa.

Correction—It is Mrs. Harold M. Dudley who was appointed as Information Officer in charge of the information program for the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness at Bethesda, Maryland. In the May issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD it was erroneously reported that Dr. Dudley had been so honored. Congratulations, Mrs. Dudley!



Members of the Topics Committee of International Society of Christian Endeavor met in Columbus, Ohio, in April. Shown as they were hard at work selecting 1960 topics are (seated, left to right) Rev. Clair E. Beatty, Rev. Wallace Hastings, Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, Mrs. Ralph Treadaway, Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, and Wanda Sell. Standing are (left) Robert C. Ross, educational secretary of the International Society, and Rev. Elwood Dunn, chairman of the Topics Committee.

Don Bernd and his wife Billie have been accepted for a work camp this summer under the World Council of Churches and have been assigned to Jordan. Don is a former president of Detroit (Michigan) Union.

New officers of San Jacinto (Texas) District Union elected at their spring convention held at La Porte Community Church are: First row (left to right)—Anne Rhymes, Kathy Kovar, Julie Phillips, Linda Green, and Charles Chance, president. Second row—Rev. Harry Burch, pastor counselor, and Mrs. Olin Badeaux, adult advisor.





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